



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS

2072

SUBJECT: Charles W. Thayer



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

121- loyalty of Govt. Employees

NOTICE - 121-17249

THE BEST COPY OR COPIES
OBTAINABLE ARE INCLUDED IN
THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS MICRO-
FILM/MICROFICHE HARD COPY.
PAGES INCLUDED THAT ARE
BLURRED, LIGHT OR OTHERWISE
DIFFICULT TO READ IS THE RESULT
OF THE CONDITION OF THE
MICROFILM/MICROFICHE
PROVIDED. THIS IS THE BEST COPY
OR COPIES AVAILABLE.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT:

MICROGRAPHIC

SUBUNIT

ROOM

b2
b7C

U. S. Department of Justice

DO NOT REMOVE FROM OR ADD

FILE

121
17249

FEDERAL BUREAU

of

INVESTIGATION

DO NOT REMOVE IN HANDLING

Transfer Call

MADE UP

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

STANDARD FORM 84
Prescribed August
6, 1947, by Civil Service
Commission

REQ FOR REPORT ON

THIS FORM IS TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES
INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED BY AGENCY (P)

To The Federal Bureau of Investigation,
The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the p
tory loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of th

1 FULL NAME
(Initials and surnames)
The initials and surnames of full name
are not acceptable

Charles

2 ALIASES AND NICKNAMES
None

4 SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number
Identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which)

1. Dipl. Passport 3888; ASN 0557769

5 PLACE OF BIRTH
Villa Nova, Penna.

6 DATE OF BIRTH
Feb. 9, 1914

8 SEX
☒ MALE
☐ FEMALE

9 MARITAL STATUS
☐ SINGLE
☒ MARRIED

10 IF MARRIED, NAME
Maria (Petri)

11 ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL
Affiliations
None

12 DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS

Date	Street	State
1939-1940	U. S. Consulate General	
1940-1942	U. S. Embassy, Moscow	
1942-1943	U. S. Legation, Kabul	
1943-1944	U. S. Embassy, London	
1944-1945	Military Service, (var)	
1945-1946	U. S. Political Advisor	
1946	U. S. Nat'l War College	
1947-present	Int'l Broadcasting Div	

13 DATES NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS

Date	Employer	Address
1939-1949	U. S. Government, Dept	
1944-1946	U. S. Army	

14 THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE A
AGENCY WHICH MADE THE LOYALTY REPORT

121

RECORDED - 10

249-1

15 THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RETURN REPORT
TO AGENCY WHERE NO DEROGATORY INFOR
MATION IS DEVELOPED

16 THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RETURN REPORT
TO AGENCY WHERE NO DEROGATORY INFOR
MATION IS DEVELOPED

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

47

48

49

50

51

52

53

54

55

56

57

58

59

60

61

62

63

64

65

66

67

68

69

70

71

72

73

74

75

76

77

78

79

80

81

82

83

84

85

86

87

88

89

90

91

92

93

94

95

96

97

98

99

100

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8/1/81 BY 390686/Jan/dy

Dates, Names and Addresses of Employers for the Last 10 Years:
1939-1949 U. S. Government, State Department, Washington, D. C.
1944-1946 U. S. Army

The investigation in this case should be handled in the same manner as other loyalty investigations. However, the loyalty investigation should be coordinated with the security investigation of Thayer recently completed.

121 172-9-1-5

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Date:

April 29, 1949

Files of this Bureau reveal unverified information concerning this employee bringing the employee within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835 investigation being conducted. If this employee is assigned to a sensitive position, a resume of present information in the files of the FBI will be furnished on request.

CNR:dhr

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2/10/01 BY SP-6 J. J. [illegible]

121-17449-1
Luda, [illegible]
[illegible] obno.

FBI, Washington, D. C.

(Name of Reporting Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 84

- 1 This form (Standard Form 84) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to incumbent employees under Part VI of Executive Order 9835.
- 2 A separate form (Standard Form 85) will be used for applicants or persons appointed after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part VII of Executive Order 9835, except for excepted employees where investigation is conducted by the agency.
- 3 The employee's fingerprint chart, Standard Form 86, must be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
- 4 If additional space is needed in filling in items 12 and 13, use a separate sheet of paper, number the item to correspond with the item number on this form, indicate the name of the employee, and attach.
- 5 If the requesting agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the date of the report should be shown in item 14.
- 6 Item 15 is reserved for the use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in filling on this request when no derogatory information is developed.
- 7 Whenever derogatory information is developed the report will be covered in item 17, above.
- 8 For further details regarding the use of this form see the Federal Personnel Manual.

~~SECRET~~

SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Foreign Service Officer
United States Department of State
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYERS

AUG 29, 1949

F. I. ✓
Typ "S"
For - 79 prepared
date paid - 3/24/49.
R: adw

Reference is made to the recent discreet security investigation conducted on the captioned employee by the New York and Washington Field Offices.

Because of Thayer's close association with [redacted] his support of the Communist elements in [redacted] while stationed in Bari, Italy and due to his alleged pro-Tito sympathies, you should immediately initiate a full field loyalty investigation, the results of which must reach the Bureau on or before May 27, 1949.

This case should be assigned to agents experienced in handling security and loyalty investigations. Preferably, this case should be handled by the agents who conducted the recent Security Matter-C investigation. You are authorized to interview neighbors, associates, etc. as is normally done in loyalty investigations, however, such interviews must be discreet in order to avoid any criticism of the Bureau by Thayer. Past experience has indicated Thayer's feelings concerning the administration and operation of the Bureau.

The State Department and the Department of the Army are being requested to conduct the necessary foreign investigation.

For the information of both offices, the following information appears on Thayer's Loyalty Form which is dated March 8, 1949:

Date and Place of Birth - February 9, 1910 at Vills, Pennsylvania.

Identifying Numbers - Diplomatic Passport 3888; A-5557767.

Married to Maria (Petrucchi) Thayer, Ca 1920, Italy.

Dates and Places of Residence for the Last 10 Years:

1939-1940 U. S. Consulate General, Hamburg, Germany

1940-1942 U. S. Embassy, Moscow, S. S. R.

1942-1943 U. S. Legation, Kabul, Afghanistan

1943-1944 U. S. Embassy, London, England

1944-1945 Military Service, (various) Yugoslavia

1945-1946 U. S. Political Advisor, Seoul, Korea.

1946-1947 U. S. Political Advisor, War College, Washington, D. C.

1947-present International Broadcasting Division, 224 W. 57th Street, New York, New York.

☆ APR 29 1949 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

61 AUG 24 1949

~~SECRET~~

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

RECEIVED

Best Copy Available

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. [unclear]
 FROM : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*
 SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
 Foreign Service Officer
 State Department
 New York City, New York
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: Apr 12, 1949

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Gurnea _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Pennington _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

RECEIVED
 DATE 5/11/61 BY 300326w/jer/dy

PURPOSE:

To set forth the action being taken by the loyalty section regarding the loyalty form which has been received for THAYER from the State Department. THAYER is head of the International Broadcasting Division, Voice of American Program, State Department, New York City, New York. (121-17249-1)

BACKGROUND:

Reference is made to a memorandum from Mr. Keay to Mr. Ladd dated February 9, 1949, entitled "CHARLES W. THAYER - Voice of America." This memorandum set forth that THAYER has never been investigated under the Voice of America Program because the State Department considered him exempt. Further that a loyalty form had never been submitted by the State Department for THAYER but that one would be submitted in the near future. The Director noted on this memorandum, "As regards THAYER proceed with a Security investigation. We have enough without loyalty form receipt to warrant a thorough investigation of him. H." (100-360035-4)

By letter dated February 11, 1949 the field was requested to conduct a thorough investigation of THAYER under the character "Security Matter - C." The Internal Security section has advised that this investigation will be completed on April 19, 1949.

STATUS:

No action is being recommended by the Loyalty Section regarding THAYER at the present time.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended this memorandum be forwarded to the Internal Security section and that no action be taken regarding THAYER by the loyalty section until the Security Matter - C investigation is completed. Upon completion of this Security Matter case, if any disloyal information pertinent to Executive Order 9835 is developed, this matter should be brought to the attention of the loyalty section for appropriate action.

WDC:wfb:ms

103
 30 SEP 21 1949

RECORDED - 125
 SE 29 13
 5 AUG 18 1949

121-17249-1 X
 11

121-17249-1 X

OK BML
Completed
Security
and
etc

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. P. Ladd

SUBJECT : JES WHEELER THAYER
Foreign Service Officer
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: April 28, 1949

Mr. Tolson
Mr. L. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

To advise you of the contemplated action in connection with the Loyalty of Thayer.

121 17249 2-17

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated April 27, 1949, concerning the individual under the characterization "Security Matter - C," which memorandum is attached.

Regarding the statement in my memorandum of April 27, 1949, that Thayer was allegedly exempted from investigation under the Voice of America Program, it is noted from a review of Thayer's file that Mr. Donald L. Nicholson, Chief, Security Division, State Department, advised that according to the Legal Division of the State Department Thayer was exempted from investigation under the public law pertaining to the VOA Program. The State Department's Legal Division based its opinion on the fact that the Congressional Act states those persons appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate need not be investigated. This exemption was applied to Thayer, a foreign service officer of the State Department since Thayer was appointed as a foreign service officer by the White House and was confirmed by the Senate. Mr. Nicholson expressed the opinion that this was a mere technicality upon which the State Department was standing.

In view of the information developed in the Security investigation recently completed, a Loyalty investigation will be conducted as was recommended in accordance with your approval, as noted on my memorandum of April 27, 1949. The Security investigation of Thayer revealed that while with the Office of Strategic Services in Italy he associated with a Communist sympathizer element in the OSS; further, he was influential in turning the support of the OSS to the United States from Minerva, N.Y. Thayer was also a close associate of [redacted] of New York City, who was determined to have numerous Russian connections.

ACTION:

The Loyalty Section is preparing a letter to the Field regarding the Loyalty investigation. Letters are also being sent to the Department of the Army for appropriate action where Thayer has been stationed with the State Department. The Field is instructed to conduct this investigation in a discreet manner in order to avoid any possibility of criticism of the Bureau in connection with the VOA Program.

DEC - 118

the Field is instructed to be used to the State Department for investigation in foreign countries and the Field is instructed to be discreet manner in order to avoid any possibility of criticism of the Bureau in connection with the VOA Program.

CLP: jam

62-40-23949

30

Rivers

CUS

Ref

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7/20/83 BY SP6 bja/ky

RECORDED COPIES FILED IN 100-360035-11 100-341128-11

Best copy availab.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S. J. TRACY
FROM : D. M. LADD
SUBJECT : CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Foreign Service Officer
United States Department
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: Apr. 29, 1949

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 5/1/61 BY 39063dlw/gm/dy

Please search the name of the above individual through the records of the Identification Division and forward the results, in duplicate, to the Foreign and Domestic Coordination Unit, Room [] Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C. b2

The following identifying data are listed for your assistance:

Maiden name, if married:

Date and place of birth: February 9, 1910 at Villa Nova, Pennsylvania

Department and Agency for whom employed: Department of State

Previous Government employment:

Was case opened on Form 84 or Form 85: Form 84

121 17249

If so, date form received: 3/22/49

Other pertinent identifying data: (Including Military service numbers and Alien Registration numbers)

Diplomatic Passport 3888; ASN 077769

Married to - Maria (Petrucchi) Thayer, CA 1920, Italy.

Present Address

New York, New York.

b7C

CHK: [initials]
121-17249

NOT RECORDED
5 AUG 18 1949

ADDENDUM: 6-6-49 (1) Based upon information furnished to the files of this Division failed to disclose any record of the above.

62 AUG 23 1949

COPY: AJH

SECRET

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

STATES GOVERNMENT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 27, 1949

FROM : MR. LADD

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
SECURITY MATTER - C

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

Reference is made to Mr. Key's memorandum to Mr. Ladd dated February 9, 1949, advising that Thayer, as head of the International Broadcasting Division (Voice of America) of the State Department, was allegedly exempt from investigation under the VOA program as a foreign service officer in the State Department. You made the notation that a security investigation should be made of Thayer.

PURPOSE

CLASSIFIED BY SP-6 BJA/Hcy
DECLASS. ON: ESR E

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the results of the security investigation conducted of Thayer.

BACKGROUND

A thorough but discreet investigation was conducted of Thayer to determine his background, activities and character. All interviews were conducted in a most circumspect manner in view of the fact that the investigation was conducted and his position and connections within the State Department in order to protect the Bureau's interest in the matter. The bulk of the information obtained by the Washington Field was obtained from

[redacted] who furnished this information on a most confidential basis.

The investigation has established the following:

(1) Thayer arrived in the Office of this recent war. While stationed at Bari, Italy, supported the Communist and Communist sympathies was pro-Tito and allegedly was influential in "Legend" and turning the support of the United States to Tito. While in the OSS in Europe he reported and individuals sympathetic to the Communist

most confidential

ing items:
to Services during
ociated with and
ts in the OSS. He
the "Mikhailovich
Mikhailovich, to
ed with Russians

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Fletcher

HT:wmw (GAS)

Director's notation:
"Just why is he ex-
from a loyalty inve-

57 JUL 23 1949
246

SECRET

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-36-25-1

[REDACTED]

(3) Thayer is a patient of [REDACTED] of New York. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thayer's
connection with [REDACTED] appeared to have been primarily that of doctor
and patient.

(4) Thayer is the father of an illegitimate child [REDACTED] to
[REDACTED] an employee of VOA. In this connection [REDACTED] made the
arrangements to have the child delivered by Dr. [REDACTED]

(5) Thayer is undoubtedly a homosexual. He has been a very close
associate of the following individuals who have been connected with the
State Department and who have either admitted the [REDACTED] homosexual tendencies
or have been accused by one another as possessing such tendencies.
These individuals are as follows:

[REDACTED]

This information has been obtained from [REDACTED] State
obtained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has further made information available which
from an undercover operator of his, used in the investigation
homosexuals in the State Department, which undercover
alleged that Thayer has been found by him in a position
man indicating that Thayer had been engaging in such a

121-17249 3

- 2 -

undercover operator has further stated that Thayer has made personal advances to him of a nature indicating such proclivities.

[redacted] identity must be protected by all means, in view of the fact that his making the information available places his position with the State Department in jeopardy and would ruin an excellent source of information for the Washington Field Office.

(6) In connection with the above matter, [redacted] has advised that the Division of Security and Investigations was actively investigating Thayer because of his homosexual proclivities. Knowledge of the investigation by some unknown means came to Thayer. Thayer thereupon went to Charles "Chip" Bohlen, counsel of the State Department, Thayer's brother-in-law, who in turn then allegedly went to Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett complaining of the investigation which was being made of Thayer whereupon Robert Lovett allegedly gave instructions to John Hurst to cease the investigation of Thayer.

No official record of Thayer's investigation appears in the records of the State Department. However, [redacted] made available an unofficial copy of the results of the investigation conducted [redacted] [redacted] has been very cooperative with the Bureau in this matter.

(7) Your attention has previously been brought to the newspaper article appearing in the "Washington Daily News" dated April 22, 1949, which article reflects that Thayer (erroneously set forth as Charles O. Thayer) was to be replaced in August or September at head of the VOA. In addition, the New York Office has just advised that Thayer has announced his transfer as head of the Voice of America to a post in the U. S. Embassy in Greece. You will recall that Thayer is a Presidential appointee foreign service officer and as such is exempt from investigation under the Voice of America program. The reason given for his transfer is the expiration of the four-year duty in the continental United States, the law requiring such foreign service officers to move to a foreign post after this period of domestic duty.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) The security investigation has been completed in so far as it is commensurate with a discreet investigation protecting the Bureau's interest in the matter. A great deal of derogatory information concerning

Director's Notation

"This is no place for him to go. As a matter of fact, he should have no place in Govt."

H."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Thayer's character has been developed, however, it is recommended that neither the report of the Washington Field nor the information appearing therein be disseminated for the reasons, (a) the dissemination would jeopardize the Bureau's valuable contact in [redacted]

b7C

b7D

(b) the Administrative Division of the State Department already possesses the information and such information has been suppressed.

(2) A Loyalty Form on Thayer has been received by the Bureau. It is recommended that a loyalty investigation be opened on the basis of the information concerning Thayer's activities while with OSS in Bari, Italy. A loyalty investigation would permit a more open type of investigation under which investigation numerous leads would set themselves which could not be covered in a more discreet security investigation.

(3) In view of the wealth of derogatory information which was obtained by the Washington Field Office in a most discreet and circum-spect manner without apparently revealing the Bureau's interest in Thayer, it is recommended that the Administrative Division consider a letter of commendation to the Washington Field Office and the Agent responsible for the investigation.

Director's Notation:
"O. K."

H."

121 17249-9

~~SECRET~~
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: April 29, 1949

To: Mr. Samuel D. Boykin
Director
Office of Controls
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

~~SECRET~~
39063 dw/ally
DECLASSIFIED
4/15/83

From J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Foreign Service Officer
United States Department of State
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

121 17249-3 X

The Loyalty Form pertaining to the captioned individual has been received. X

[redacted] Thayer associated with and supported Communists and Communist sympathizers. He was also reported to have been pro-Tito and was allegedly influential in turning the support of the United States from Mikhailovich to Tito in Yugoslavia. While in Europe, he was also reported to have been associated with Russians and other individuals sympathetic to the Communist cause. (100-360035)

The employee's Loyalty Form reflects the following foreign service:

1939-1940	U. S. Consulate General, Hamburg, Germany
1940-1942	U. S. Embassy, Moscow, U. S. S. R.
1942-1943	U. S. Legation, Kabul, Afghanistan
1943-1944	U. S. Embassy, London, England
1944-1945	Military Service, (various), Yugoslavia
1945-1946	U. S. Political Advisor, Seoul, Korea

In accordance with established procedures under the Loyalty Program, it will be appreciated if you will cause the necessary investigation to be conducted at the mentioned places with the exception of Hamburg, Germany and Seoul, Korea. It is realized that your investigation at Moscow, Russia and in Korea will be limited. The Department of the Army is being requested to conduct the investigation in Korea and Germany.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
RECORDED
JUN 2 1949
JUN 3 1949
JUN 4 1949
JUN 5 1949
JUN 6 1949
JUN 7 1949
JUN 8 1949
JUN 9 1949
JUN 10 1949
JUN 11 1949
JUN 12 1949
JUN 13 1949
JUN 14 1949
JUN 15 1949
JUN 16 1949
JUN 17 1949
JUN 18 1949
JUN 19 1949
JUN 20 1949
JUN 21 1949
JUN 22 1949
JUN 23 1949
JUN 24 1949
JUN 25 1949
JUN 26 1949
JUN 27 1949
JUN 28 1949
JUN 29 1949
JUN 30 1949
JUL 1 1949
JUL 2 1949
JUL 3 1949
JUL 4 1949
JUL 5 1949
JUL 6 1949
JUL 7 1949
JUL 8 1949
JUL 9 1949
JUL 10 1949
JUL 11 1949
JUL 12 1949
JUL 13 1949
JUL 14 1949
JUL 15 1949
JUL 16 1949
JUL 17 1949
JUL 18 1949
JUL 19 1949
JUL 20 1949
JUL 21 1949
JUL 22 1949
JUL 23 1949
JUL 24 1949
JUL 25 1949
JUL 26 1949
JUL 27 1949
JUL 28 1949
JUL 29 1949
JUL 30 1949
AUG 1 1949
AUG 2 1949
AUG 3 1949
AUG 4 1949
AUG 5 1949
AUG 6 1949
AUG 7 1949
AUG 8 1949
AUG 9 1949
AUG 10 1949
AUG 11 1949
AUG 12 1949
AUG 13 1949
AUG 14 1949
AUG 15 1949
AUG 16 1949
AUG 17 1949
AUG 18 1949
AUG 19 1949
AUG 20 1949
AUG 21 1949
AUG 22 1949
AUG 23 1949
AUG 24 1949
AUG 25 1949
AUG 26 1949
AUG 27 1949
AUG 28 1949
AUG 29 1949
AUG 30 1949
SEP 1 1949
SEP 2 1949
SEP 3 1949
SEP 4 1949
SEP 5 1949
SEP 6 1949
SEP 7 1949
SEP 8 1949
SEP 9 1949
SEP 10 1949
SEP 11 1949
SEP 12 1949
SEP 13 1949
SEP 14 1949
SEP 15 1949
SEP 16 1949
SEP 17 1949
SEP 18 1949
SEP 19 1949
SEP 20 1949
SEP 21 1949
SEP 22 1949
SEP 23 1949
SEP 24 1949
SEP 25 1949
SEP 26 1949
SEP 27 1949
SEP 28 1949
SEP 29 1949
SEP 30 1949
OCT 1 1949
OCT 2 1949
OCT 3 1949
OCT 4 1949
OCT 5 1949
OCT 6 1949
OCT 7 1949
OCT 8 1949
OCT 9 1949
OCT 10 1949
OCT 11 1949
OCT 12 1949
OCT 13 1949
OCT 14 1949
OCT 15 1949
OCT 16 1949
OCT 17 1949
OCT 18 1949
OCT 19 1949
OCT 20 1949
OCT 21 1949
OCT 22 1949
OCT 23 1949
OCT 24 1949
OCT 25 1949
OCT 26 1949
OCT 27 1949
OCT 28 1949
OCT 29 1949
OCT 30 1949
NOV 1 1949
NOV 2 1949
NOV 3 1949
NOV 4 1949
NOV 5 1949
NOV 6 1949
NOV 7 1949
NOV 8 1949
NOV 9 1949
NOV 10 1949
NOV 11 1949
NOV 12 1949
NOV 13 1949
NOV 14 1949
NOV 15 1949
NOV 16 1949
NOV 17 1949
NOV 18 1949
NOV 19 1949
NOV 20 1949
NOV 21 1949
NOV 22 1949
NOV 23 1949
NOV 24 1949
NOV 25 1949
NOV 26 1949
NOV 27 1949
NOV 28 1949
NOV 29 1949
NOV 30 1949
DEC 1 1949
DEC 2 1949
DEC 3 1949
DEC 4 1949
DEC 5 1949
DEC 6 1949
DEC 7 1949
DEC 8 1949
DEC 9 1949
DEC 10 1949
DEC 11 1949
DEC 12 1949
DEC 13 1949
DEC 14 1949
DEC 15 1949
DEC 16 1949
DEC 17 1949
DEC 18 1949
DEC 19 1949
DEC 20 1949
DEC 21 1949
DEC 22 1949
DEC 23 1949
DEC 24 1949
DEC 25 1949
DEC 26 1949
DEC 27 1949
DEC 28 1949
DEC 29 1949
DEC 30 1949

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Gandy _____

62 AUG 23 1949

RECORDED
121-17249-3
5 AUG 1949
JUN 3 1949
JUN 4 1949
JUN 5 1949
JUN 6 1949
JUN 7 1949
JUN 8 1949
JUN 9 1949
JUN 10 1949
JUN 11 1949
JUN 12 1949
JUN 13 1949
JUN 14 1949
JUN 15 1949
JUN 16 1949
JUN 17 1949
JUN 18 1949
JUN 19 1949
JUN 20 1949
JUN 21 1949
JUN 22 1949
JUN 23 1949
JUN 24 1949
JUN 25 1949
JUN 26 1949
JUN 27 1949
JUN 28 1949
JUN 29 1949
JUN 30 1949
JUL 1 1949
JUL 2 1949
JUL 3 1949
JUL 4 1949
JUL 5 1949
JUL 6 1949
JUL 7 1949
JUL 8 1949
JUL 9 1949
JUL 10 1949
JUL 11 1949
JUL 12 1949
JUL 13 1949
JUL 14 1949
JUL 15 1949
JUL 16 1949
JUL 17 1949
JUL 18 1949
JUL 19 1949
JUL 20 1949
JUL 21 1949
JUL 22 1949
JUL 23 1949
JUL 24 1949
JUL 25 1949
JUL 26 1949
JUL 27 1949
JUL 28 1949
JUL 29 1949
JUL 30 1949
AUG 1 1949
AUG 2 1949
AUG 3 1949
AUG 4 1949
AUG 5 1949
AUG 6 1949
AUG 7 1949
AUG 8 1949
AUG 9 1949
AUG 10 1949
AUG 11 1949
AUG 12 1949
AUG 13 1949
AUG 14 1949
AUG 15 1949
AUG 16 1949
AUG 17 1949
AUG 18 1949
AUG 19 1949
AUG 20 1949
AUG 21 1949
AUG 22 1949
AUG 23 1949
AUG 24 1949
AUG 25 1949
AUG 26 1949
AUG 27 1949
AUG 28 1949
AUG 29 1949
AUG 30 1949
SEP 1 1949
SEP 2 1949
SEP 3 1949
SEP 4 1949
SEP 5 1949
SEP 6 1949
SEP 7 1949
SEP 8 1949
SEP 9 1949
SEP 10 1949
SEP 11 1949
SEP 12 1949
SEP 13 1949
SEP 14 1949
SEP 15 1949
SEP 16 1949
SEP 17 1949
SEP 18 1949
SEP 19 1949
SEP 20 1949
SEP 21 1949
SEP 22 1949
SEP 23 1949
SEP 24 1949
SEP 25 1949
SEP 26 1949
SEP 27 1949
SEP 28 1949
SEP 29 1949
SEP 30 1949
OCT 1 1949
OCT 2 1949
OCT 3 1949
OCT 4 1949
OCT 5 1949
OCT 6 1949
OCT 7 1949
OCT 8 1949
OCT 9 1949
OCT 10 1949
OCT 11 1949
OCT 12 1949
OCT 13 1949
OCT 14 1949
OCT 15 1949
OCT 16 1949
OCT 17 1949
OCT 18 1949
OCT 19 1949
OCT 20 1949
OCT 21 1949
OCT 22 1949
OCT 23 1949
OCT 24 1949
OCT 25 1949
OCT 26 1949
OCT 27 1949
OCT 28 1949
OCT 29 1949
OCT 30 1949
NOV 1 1949
NOV 2 1949
NOV 3 1949
NOV 4 1949
NOV 5 1949
NOV 6 1949
NOV 7 1949
NOV 8 1949
NOV 9 1949
NOV 10 1949
NOV 11 1949
NOV 12 1949
NOV 13 1949
NOV 14 1949
NOV 15 1949
NOV 16 1949
NOV 17 1949
NOV 18 1949
NOV 19 1949
NOV 20 1949
NOV 21 1949
NOV 22 1949
NOV 23 1949
NOV 24 1949
NOV 25 1949
NOV 26 1949
NOV 27 1949
NOV 28 1949
NOV 29 1949
NOV 30 1949
DEC 1 1949
DEC 2 1949
DEC 3 1949
DEC 4 1949
DEC 5 1949
DEC 6 1949
DEC 7 1949
DEC 8 1949
DEC 9 1949
DEC 10 1949
DEC 11 1949
DEC 12 1949
DEC 13 1949
DEC 14 1949
DEC 15 1949
DEC 16 1949
DEC 17 1949
DEC 18 1949
DEC 19 1949
DEC 20 1949
DEC 21 1949
DEC 22 1949
DEC 23 1949
DEC 24 1949
DEC 25 1949
DEC 26 1949
DEC 27 1949
DEC 28 1949
DEC 29 1949
DEC 30 1949

Bes Copy Available

~~SECRET~~

In the event persons interviewed are in a position to furnish information reflecting adversely upon an employee's loyalty to the United States, efforts should be made to obtain signed statements from these persons.

Please furnish six copies of the report reflecting the results of your investigation to this Bureau at your earliest opportunity.

1 21 17249 - 3 X

-2-

~~SECRET~~

5-8-50 bk

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: April 26, 1949

Director, FBI

SAC, New York

CHARLES W. THAYER

b7C

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING DIVISION,
U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT
VOICE OF AMERICA

Referral/Direct

cc NY 100-93766
123-608
123-396
123-0

HMM:JMM

121-17 47-✓
FIVE
62 MAY 8 1949

100-93766-100

18-211
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Denver, Colorado
May 23, 1949



IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 121-544

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

SAC, Washington Field

Re: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
U. S. Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

7/10/85 SPLbgf/cy
Re Washington Field Office teletype dated May 18, 1949
requesting that [redacted] be inter-
viewed regarding THAYER.

In view of the fact that [redacted]

[redacted] of known reliability, stated 121-17249

b2
b7C
b7D

7
Hew
to 620
Ref

JCL:mg
121-544 260
cc Bureau, ASD

56 AUG 22 1949

121-17249
NOT RECORDED
AUG 18 1949

65

SAC, Washington Field

5/23/49

[Redacted signature block]

b7D

EDU.

Very truly yours,

R. P. KRAMER,
SAC.

1 2 3 4 5

FBI KNOXVILLE

5/26/49

11:55 A. M.

JER:AT

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

URGENT

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, STATE, IOWA. REURTEL MAY NINETEEN LAST.

	KNEW THAYER IN YUGOSLAVIA.

b7C

b7D

--

WHO ALSO KNEW THAYER

IN YUGOSLAVIA.

ROCKY

END

121-199

CC: Bureau (AMBD) ✓

5/26/49 3:40 PM

121 1/7-4

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FBI
MAY 31 11 13 AM '49
COMM. SECTION
RECEIVED

121-17249
NOT RECORDED
5 AUG 18 1949

52 AUG 22 1949



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO.

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

AIR MAIL

May 31, 1949

SAC,
Washington Field

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/10/85 BY SP6/bj/tcy

RE: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Department of State

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/12/01 BY SP6/bj/tcy

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

The dead line for the above-captioned loyalty investigation has passed and the Bureau has not received an investigative report in this matter from your office. You are instructed to immediately submit a report.

In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York
Cleveland
Knoxville
Los Angeles

12 DEB 01 10211CF

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted 6/3/49

Reason for delay: Necessary information not available

until 5/26/49

SECRET

[Handwritten signature]



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

AIR MAIL

May 31, 1949

SAC, Washington Field

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/10/85 BY SP6BJA/tey

RE: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Department of State

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/12/01 BY 39063 djd/jay
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

The dead line for the above-captioned loyalty investigation has passed and the Bureau has not received an investigative report in this matter from your office. You are instructed to immediately submit a report.

In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York
Cleveland
Bnoxville
Los Angeles

Report submitted on 5/26/49
Report will be submitted 5/26/49
Reason for delay: RECEIVED

58 AUG 1949

100-17249
NOT RECORDED
AUG 1949

2 DEPT OF JUSTICE

53 BH 46
21-202



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO.

AIR MAIL

May 31, 1949

SAC,
Washington Field

RE:

CHARLES KRELLER THAYER
Department of State

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/10/85 BY SP6 bja/tey

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/12/01 BY SP9C3 dwp/ky

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

The dead line for the above-captioned loyalty investigation has passed and the Bureau has not received an investigative report in this matter from your office. You are instructed to immediately submit a report.

In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York
Cleveland
Birmingham
Los Angeles

121 17249

Report submitted 5/26/49

Report will be submitted

Reason for delay: No delay

Revised 5/31/49

RECORDED
202 200038

56 AUG 22 1949

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
F. B. I.

JUL 1 5 11 AM '49

LOYALTY SECTION
RECEIVED

NOT RECORDED

AUG 18 1949

LOYALTY SECTION
RECEIVED



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

AIR MAIL

May 31, 1949

SAC, ~~Washington Field~~
DIRECTOR

RE: CHARLES WHEELER MAYNARD
Department of State

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/10/85 BY SP6/bj/tey

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/2/01 BY 39063clw/gon/dy

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

The dead line for the above-captioned loyalty investigation has passed and the Bureau has not received an investigative report in this matter from your office. You are instructed to immediately submit a report.

In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York
Cleveland
Savannah
Los Angeles

RECEIVED
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

721 1721

6/6/49

Report submitted 5/25/49. 7PM 8 3 35 PM '49

Report will be submitted 7/10/49

Reason for delay: Bufile May 23, 1949 requested additional investigation setting new Bufile of May 31, 1949.

ELO:CLF
121-2876

66 AUG 22 1949

121-17249
NOT RECORDED
5 AUG 1949



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

AIR MAIL

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

May 31, 1949

SAC, Washington Field

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/10/83 BY SP6/gat/ky

RE: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Department of State

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/12/81 BY SP6/63clw/ka

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

The dead line for the above-captioned loyalty investigation has passed and the Bureau has not received an investigative report in this matter from your office. You are instructed to immediately submit a report.

In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York
Cleveland
Rockville
Los Angeles

Report submitted Report SA

Report will be submitted _____

Reason for delay:

b7C
del 5-27-49
121-17249

MAY 3 8 30 AM '49

RECEIVED
SECTION

FBI - WASH FIELD
11 1949

-20

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: April 29, 1949

To: Director of Intelligence
General Staff
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief,
Security and Training Group

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Foreign Service Officer
United States Department of State
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

121 7249-3 X1

A full field loyalty investigation is being conducted on the captioned employee of the Department of State based upon available information indicating that Thayer was pro-Tito and that he was influential in turning the support of the United States from Hajlovich to Tito in Yugoslavia. Thayer was also reported to have associated with Russians and individuals sympathetic to the Communist cause.

From 1939 to 1940 Thayer was General's Office, Hamburg, Germany and U. S. Political Advisor at Seoul, Korea. procedures under the Loyalty Program. cause the necessary investigation to Other investigation outside the United employing agency.

ationed at the U. S. Consulate from 1945 to 1946 he was a In accordance with established will be appreciated if you will conducted in these two countries. ates is being requested of the

Efforts should be made to who may be in a position to furnish the employee's loyalty to the United of the results of your investigation

signed statements from persons tion reflecting adversely upon Please furnish six copies Submit at your earliest

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
BY
SPECIAL MESSENGER
MAY 2 - 1949
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

the following background

1949

56 AUG 22 1949

Date and Place of Birth - February 9, 1910 at Villa Nova,
Pennsylvania.

Identifying Numbers - Diplomatic Passport 3888; ASN 0557769

Married to - Maria (Patrucci) Meyer, Ca 1920, Italy

Dates and Places of Residence for the Last 10 Years:

1939-1940 U. S. Consulate General, Hamburg, Germany
1940-1942 U. S. Embassy, Moscow, U. S. S. R.
1942-1943 U. S. Legation, Kabul, Afghanistan
1943-1944 U. S. Embassy, London, England
1944-1945 Military Service, (various) Yugoslavia
1945-1946 U. S. Political Advisor, Seoul, Korea
1946 U. S. National War College, Washington, D. C.
1947-present International Broadcasting Division, 224 W. 57th
Street, New York, New York.

Dates, Names and Addresses of Employers for the Last 10 Years:

1939-1949 U. S. Government, State Department, Washington, D. C.
1944-1946 U. S. Army

123 17 4'

X1

Handwritten mark resembling a stylized '9' or 'P'.

RA, FILED

5-9-49

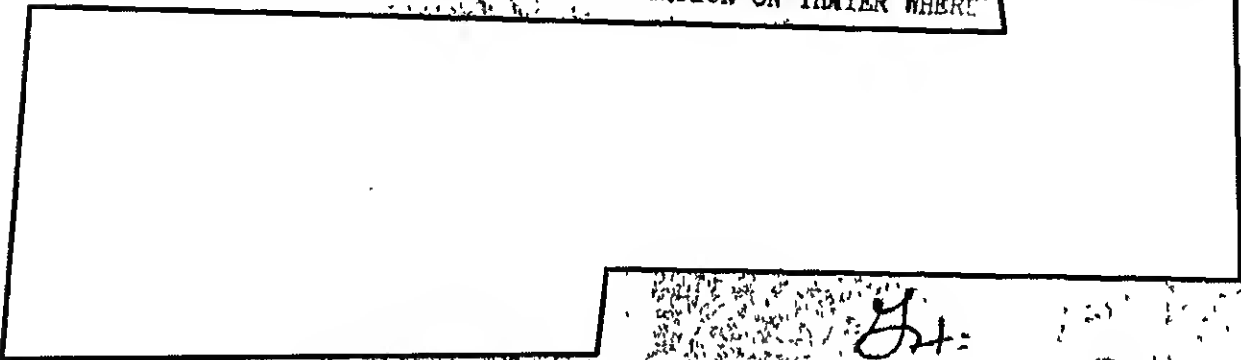
ROUTINE

WHEELER THAYER, STATE, LGE. REBULET APRIL TWENTYNINE
EXPECTED TO SECURITY MATTER C. INVESTIGATION ON THAYER WHERE

ATTENTION

Handwritten signature and the number 4063.

b7D



Handwritten initials 'G4' above the word 'HOTTER'.

121 17249-3 X2

RECORDED - 38

EX-112

1121-
5 AUG 1

249

63 AUG 25 1949

Best copy available

WASH FIELD

5-18-49

4p

DIRECTOR AND SAC, DENVER

URGENT

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING DIVISION
OF STATE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, LGE. REBULET APRIL TWENTY NINE IS
REPORTED INTERVIEW

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DENVER

b7C
b7D

MAY TWENTY SEVEN MUST BE MET.

RETEL

121-10612
EIA:dmw

121-17249-3

RECOR

EX-1

WAT 12-30

63 AUG 25 1949

RECEIVED

BUDED

RECEIVED TELETYPE UNIT
APR 19 2 01 PM

121-1
FBI
5 AUG 1949

49
5

my

FBI WASH FIELD

6-18-48

DIRECTOR

ROUTINE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

CHARLES WHEELER TRAYN, STATE, IOWA, NO REF [REDACTED]

DATED

APRIL ONE, FORTY NINE, WASH., D.C., RE CHARLES WHEELER TRAYN, ON DASH
O. ON PAGE RIGHT [REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

RMH:HJM

121-10012

674

1 1724

3

X4

1621-1
5 AUG 18

249

68 AUG 25 1948

Best Copy Available

2-1

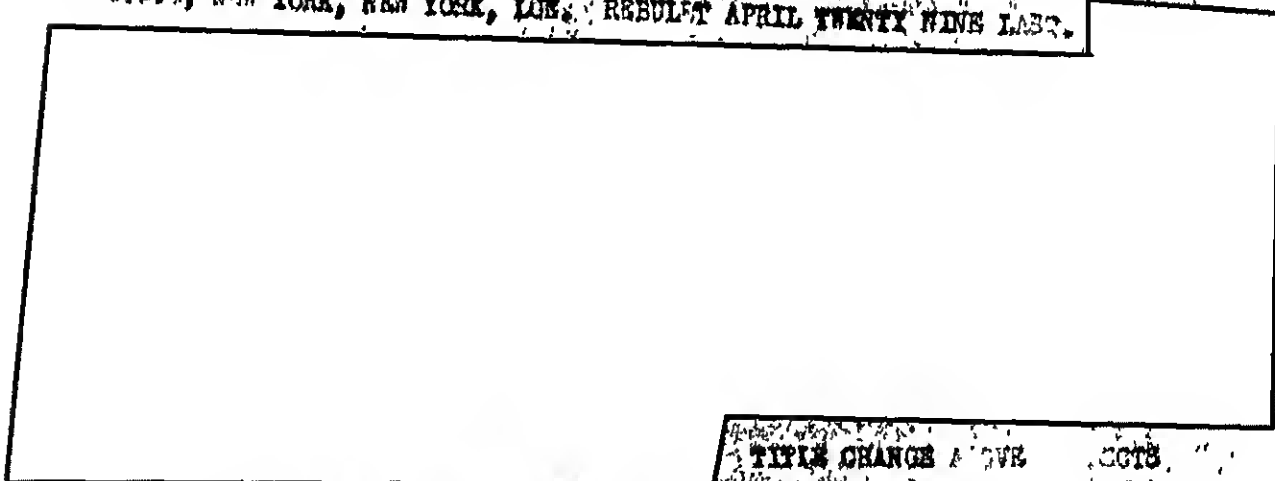
5-18-49

WASH FIELD AND LOS ANGELES FROM WASH FIELD

DIRECTOR AND SAC

ROUTINE

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING DIVISION, U. S. DEPT.
OF STATE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, LON. REBUDET APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST.



TITLE CHANGE ABOVE

COTS

PRESENT POSITION. BODIES MAY TWENTY SEVEN MUST BE MET.

HOTTEL

WFO:WFS

121-10812

121 172 9-3 X 5

RECORDED 14

EX-62

INDEXED

5 AUG

68 AUG 25 1949

b7C
b7D

Best copy available

FM WASH FIELD

5/19/49

4:30pm

DIRECTOR AND SAC KNOXVILLE

ROUTINE

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
DIV., DEPT. OF STATE, NY, NY, LOR.

INVESTIGATION

RE DISCLOSED EVIDENCE OF HOMO-SEXUAL
NATURE VOLUNTARILY GIVEN SHOULD BE
TWENTYSEVEN MUST BE MET.

PART OF THAYER.

ET INFO OF THIS

BUDED OF MAY

HOTTEL

RMH:MFM

121-10812

121-17

REC

RECEIVED

61 SEP 1 1949

~~SECRET~~

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. W. W. Fletcher *WBF*
 FROM : Mr. C. C. Hall *Russell*
 SUBJECT : Mr. C. C. Thayer
 Chief, International Broadcasting Division
 U. S. Department of State
 New York, New York
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE June 21, 1949

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/10/89 BY SP4BJA/ty

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. A. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

DECLASSIFIED BY SP4BJA/ty

ON 4/20/89

per State letter dtd 11/10/89

To obtain authority to transmit to the Civil Service Commission reports prepared in instant case containing information of a derogatory nature relating to the morals of Thayer.

REMARKS:

CLASSIFIED BY *SP4BJA/ty*
 DECLASSIFY ON: 25X
 419533

As you are aware, a full field Loyalty investigation was initiated concerning Thayer, the basis being his pro-Tito attitude while assigned by OSS to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and his alleged support of the Communist elements in the Office of Strategic Services while stationed in Bari, Italy. During the investigation conducted in the case entitled "Charles Wheeler Thayer, Security Matter - C," it was developed that Thayer was a homosexual and associated with persons known to be homosexuals. It was also learned from a confidential report of the State Department that Thayer was the father of an illegitimate child born to [redacted] an employee of the Voice of America Department of State, New York City, the child being delivered by [redacted] New York City.

b6
b7C

At the beginning of the Loyalty investigation the field was instructed to be very discreet in conducting instant investigation and not to make any inquiries concerning Thayer's morals, but should such information be volunteered, same should be reported. The reports prepared under the Loyalty classification submitted by the field do contain volunteered information relating to Thayer's homosexuality which ordinarily would not be left in reports prepared for transmittal to the Civil Service Commission, however, it is believed that in this case it has a definite bearing on Thayer as it indicates that he is a poor security risk.

ACTION:

The reports prepared by the field are being assembled for transmission to the Civil Service Commission.

RECORDED - 104

INDEXED - 104

CLASSIFICATION:

121 17249-4

If you approve, the reports containing references to Thayer's homosexuality will be transmitted to the Civil Service Commission, and the information reflecting on his morals will be shown in the reports as having been volunteered by those persons furnishing same.

WJ:hw

58 JUL 6 1949

~~SECRET~~

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

PROPERTY OF THE FBI

This is a summary of information concerning Charles Wheeler Thayer. This information is confidential and should not be disseminated outside of the agency to which loaned. No recommendation is made as to clearance or disapproval.

5/1/60 39263 elw/sar/dj

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *GH* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
STATE DEPARTMENT
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE July 11, 1949

CLASSIFIED BY *51121* *Jan-60267-AAC*
DECLASSIFIED BY *419533*

Re Bureau letter dated June 13, 1949.

b3

Per CIA

[redacted] Security Office, Central Intelligence Agency, made available the employee's Office of Strategic Services file for examination. In addition to the information previously furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation during this LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES investigation, this file contained considerable administrative matter concerning THAYER. According to [redacted] this information had not previously been furnished, inasmuch as the material is considered operational. He also suggested that should the information be used in a LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES case, it should not be quoted. *(u)*

Of interest to this LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES case, THAYER's Office of Strategic Services file contains a copy of a message sent by General LEMNITZER to General DONOVAN, Office of Strategic Services, dated March 2, 1945, from Caserta, Italy. This message in effect explained that Field Marshal ALEXANDER and LEMNITZER had just returned from a visit to Marshal TITO's headquarters in Belgrade. LEMNITZER explained that he had Lieutenant Colonel THAYER of the Office of Strategic Services accompany him at all conferences and on all visits. LEMNITZER said that he was "much impressed with the efficiency with which THAYER and his mission worked and that particularly with the excellent relations existing between his mission and those of other nations represented in Belgrade. Marshal TITO obviously holds THAYER in very high regard and is always accessible to him. This is a rare privilege enjoyed by very few persons in Belgrade. There is every evidence that the Marshal has utmost confidence in THAYER and his opinions." *(u)*

THAYER's Office of Strategic Services file contains a copy of a message dated June 16, 1944, to Ustravio, London, from the Office of Strategic Services Headquarters which states "Before taking further action on subject of your No. 52974, please check and advise whether his record in your theater supports rumor received here that he is excessive drinker." This message or his file contains no information as to the source of the allegation that THAYER is an "excessive drinker" *(u)*

A supplemental report is not being prepared in this case, inasmuch as General LEMNITZER who prepared the above message regarding THAYER's contact with TITO has previously been interviewed, and the information he furnished has been reported. Also the information regarding his alleged excessive drinking is not being set out in report form, as this source is not known. *(u)*

Inasmuch as the requested supplementary investigation requested by the Bureau is completed, this case is being RUC'd. *(u)*

5 AUG 26 1949

121-10812

6/20/89 *SP4 EW/tcy*
per CIA ltr dtd 5/31/8

391. Subv. 50 102

Date: July 18, 1949

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER TRAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

2/21/89 SP/120/104

1 21 17249-7 108

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 27, 1949, at Washington, D. C., copies of which were transmitted to your Service by my letter dated June 21, 1949. It will be noted that in that report on pages two and three information is set forth as coming from Washington confidential informant [redacted] who is described as being outside the continental limits of the United States on official business for the United States Government. This individual's identity was not disclosed since it was not known at that time whether he cared to make known his identity.

b2
b7C
b7D

The State Department was requested to interview Washington [redacted] who is at the present time in Athens, Greece, and by letter dated June 14, 1949 from the American Embassy in Athens, Greece the State Department furnished the results of this interview. Four copies of this letter are transmitted herewith. It will be noted that Washington [redacted] is John Kasunich who apparently does not desire anonymity since he did not indicate to the interviewing official that he wished his identity to remain unknown.

There are also being transmitted herewith four copies of a statement submitted by Mr. Robert G. Elmer, Second Secretary of the American Embassy at Athens, Greece. There is still to be conducted further investigation in Afghanistan, Yugoslavia and Germany, the results of which will be transmitted upon receipt.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Enclosures

SPECIAL MESSENGER

JUL 19 1949

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RWW

SP/120/104

7/9/85 SGL bga/ter

Date: June 28, 1949

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
U. S. Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my letter dated June 21, 1949, captioned as above, transmitting copies of the investigative reports prepared by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

Subsequent to the transmittal of these reports, information was received from the New York Office of this Bureau reflecting an interview with New York City Confidential Informant [redacted] a former supervisor of the employee in the State Department, who was not available for interview at the time the loyalty investigation was conducted. New York City [redacted] advised that he has no question in his mind concerning the employee's loyalty but from the impressions employee has made on him he believes Thayer is immature and irresponsible and that he, Thayer, is motivated in his actions by a tremendous desire for personal gain and prestige. [redacted] stated that on one occasion the employee had been told not to employ an individual by the name of [redacted] because the Security Office of the State Department had requested that he not be employed. [redacted] stated he did not know the reason why [redacted] should not be employed nor did the employee, however, Thayer employed [redacted] on a free lance basis. [redacted] stated that he felt this specific action on the employee's part showed his lack of maturity and that the employee's decision to employ [redacted] was not for the best interest of the program. [redacted] went on to state that he did not believe the employee had any intention of injuring the security of the country but that he, Thayer, believed that the hiring of [redacted] was for the best interest of the Voice of America Program. His informant in closing stated that even though the employee's desire for personal prestige was a factor in his motivation, he believed that this desire would be outweighed if the issue arose as to choosing between the security of the United States and Thayer's own gain. The informant's only

b2
b7D

b6
b7C

100
101
102
103
104
105
106
107
108
109
110
111
112
113
114
115
116
117
118
119
120
121
122
123
124
125
126
127
128
129
130
131
132
133
134
135
136
137
138
139
140
141
142
143
144
145
146
147
148
149
150
151
152
153
154
155
156
157
158
159
160
161
162
163
164
165
166
167
168
169
170
171
172
173
174
175
176
177
178
179
180
181
182
183
184
185
186
187
188
189
190
191
192
193
194
195
196
197
198
199
200

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
SPECIAL MESSENGER
JUN 20 1949
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

City T-9 is John R. Sugan, former supervisor of
employed at International Broadcasting, U. S. State Dept.,
employed Buchanan & Co., 1501 Broadway, NYC.

RECORDED - 65 127-17249

145F

Per State
hand
him

fear in this regard was that the employee might not, because of his lack of maturity, recognize the issue and consequently would unintentionally harm the United States. The informant concluded by stating that he himself would not hire the employee because of the above. The informant does not wish to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board and will not give a signed statement.

The above information is being transmitted for your confidential information and should not be disseminated to any unauthorized outside individuals or agencies.

125 17249-8

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Dir/Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: Mr. W. S. Reynolds

FROM Security and Training Group

SUBJECT THAYER, Charles Wheeler
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE 24 June 1949
CAB

118
121-17249-9

1. Reference is made to letter from Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 29 April 1949 regarding THAYER, Charles Wheeler.
2. Records in Headquarters, United States Army Forces in Korea indicate THAYER, Charles Wheeler was transferred to the Zone of Interior for separation. His 201 file was forwarded 27 August 1946 to Commanding General, Gravelly Point, Va. His job title was "Special Appointee, XXIV Corps," CAF-13.
3. For your information no investigative agency exists in Korea at this time as the CIC Detachment there has been deactivated 20 May 1949. Future requests will be processed by the Military Attache in Korea.
4. Results of investigation in Europe will be forwarded upon receipt in this Division.

Chutey Baker
for Capt. [Signature]
JAMES D. LAND, Lt Colonel, GSC
Chief, Investigations Section
Operations Branch

3/2/50 39023 elw/sandy

121 17249-9

RECORDED - 85

EX-62

121-17249-9

AUG 18 1949

AUG 29 1949

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: 85
TO: 62

July 1, 1949

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

DECLASSIFIED BY SP4clw/ky
ON 2/21/89
pg. 1 par. 2 declassified per Army ltr dtd 4/2/86

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WINKLER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
U. S. Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my letter dated June 21, 1949, captioned as above, transmitting copies of the investigative reports prepared by this Bureau reflecting the results of the investigation conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 9835. At that time, you were advised that the State Department and the Department of the Army had been requested to conduct an investigation outside the continental limits of the United States. At this time, I am transmitting herewith four copies of the following reports and letters:

Letter dated June 7, 1949, from the American Embassy
at Moscow, Russia.

Four copies of a report dated June 8, 1949, from the
American Embassy at Mexico City, Mexico.

Four copies of a letter dated June 10, 1949, from the
American Embassy, Mexico, City

Referral/Direct

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
BY
SPECIAL MESSENGER
JUL 5 1949
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(u)
H. J. [Signature]
R. [Signature]
E. [Signature]

Letter to Director
NY 121-7043

[redacted] stated that he felt [redacted] specific action on employee's part showed his lack of maturity, and desire to get ahead. He said he felt that employee decided that for the best interests of the program the material supplied by [redacted] would accomplish greater benefit for the program and consequently employed [redacted] contrary to instructions.

b6

b7C

b7D

[redacted] stated he believed employee had no intention of injuring the security of the country in his action but merely had decided that the hiring of [redacted] was for the best interests of the program.

Per State

[redacted] advised that even though employee's desire for personal prestige and gain was one of the prime factors motivating him, he believed that this desire would be subjugated if the issue arose as to choosing between the security of the United States and his own gain. His only fear in this regard was that employee might not, because of his lack of maturity, recognize the issue and consequently would unintentionally harm the United States. He said he himself would not hire employee because of this lack of maturity and irresponsibility on employee's part.

[redacted] desires to be kept confidential, does not desire to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board or give a signed statement.

b7C

b7D

The foregoing is submitted in letter form rather than in amended pages because [redacted] insisted on furnishing this information which is not thought to be entirely pertinent to this investigation.

121 1644 11 16

Best copy available

~~SECRET~~

(Haller)
4503

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Tele. Room	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

my

5/11/49
1550-60267-1196

WASHINGTON FROM WASH FIELD

419583 6-16-49

10 p.m.

DIRECTOR

ROUTINE

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, STATE, LGE. REURLET JUNE THIRTY LAST. EMPLOYERS
OSS SECURITY FILE REVIEWED TODAY DISCLOSING NO DISLOYAL INFORMATION. FURTHER
EFFORTS TO LOCATE OSS ADMINISTRATIVE FILES ON EMPLOYEE BEING MADE AND ANY
PERTINENT INFO WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU.

HOTTEL

ELG:vms
121-10812

121-10812-124
7/1/85

68A1620194

~~SECRET~~

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DIRECTOR, FBI

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
STATE DEPARTMENT
LOE

June 13, 1949

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Re: [redacted] dated May 27, 1949. Arrangements have been made to obtain information from Thayer's file, which was previously denied by U.S.S. since it was classified "Secret."

b3
b7C

You are instructed to contact [redacted] Security Office, CIA, 2210 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., who will make available Thayer's file for examination. Submit supplemental report if information contained in file is pertinent.

EFM:hmm

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/9/85 BY SP6 bja/tcy

CLASSIFIED BY 7/25/01
DECLASSIFY ON: OLCX
1/19/53-1

121 17249-13

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAILED 15

JUN 13 1949 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED - 85

EX-112

EX-15

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
RECEIVED
JUN 13 2 51 PM '49

121-17249-13
5 AUG 18 1949

56 AUG 26 1949

~~SECRET~~

EFM: mmb / 11
11/11/11

JUN 21 1948

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL
DIRECTOR, FBI

RECORDED - 125

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES -
COMMUNISTS WORKING FOR THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

5/26/1
7/5 Jan 60267 AAC
419523

Reference is made to the conversation on June 3, 1948, between the Attorney General and Assistant Director D. M. Ladd, during which the Attorney General indicated his desire to be informed of all cases where there is evidence as to membership in the Communist Party on the part of a Government employee. For your information, and in order that consideration might be given as to whether any Federal laws have been violated, there are attached photostatic copies of the reports reflecting the results of a loyalty investigation conducted by this Bureau:

TITLE: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
United States Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/10/00 BY 60322 UCBAW

121 17249-14

RECEIVED - DIRECTOR
FBI
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
JUN 22 6 11 PM '48

AGENCY: Department of State

DATE: 7/9/85 J. Speltz/aly

- REPORTS:
- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 27, 1949 at Washington, D. C.
 - Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 8, 1949 at New York, New York.
 - Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 25, 1949 at Los Angeles, California.
 - Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 26, 1949 at Norfolk, Virginia.
 - Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 26, 1949 at Knoxville, Tennessee.
 - Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 26, 1949 at Cleveland, Ohio.

Woe-In-13
7/9/85

b7C

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

The State Department and the Department of the Army have been requested to conduct an investigation abroad concerning the employee, the results of which will be furnished upon receipt.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

File # 121-17249
Class # 3

NOV 9 1948

~~SECRET~~

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BUREAU

NY FILE NO. 121-7043 CMP

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/8/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/23, 25, 14/18; 6/8, 17, 19, 24-27 31/49	REPORT MADE BY <div></div>
TITLE CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, Chief, International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, New York, New York			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photo Unneeded
CC TO: *CIA*
REQ. REC'D *8/25/76*
SEP 2 1976
AN *Ben Request*
BY

5/2/0
DECLASSIFIED BY *419533*

CC TO: *OSD*
REQ. REC'D *1-29-62*
FEB 2 1962
ANS
BY: *Alf*

Investigation at place of employment and residences reveals no disloyal information concerning employee. Individuals who knew employee during war service, believe him loyal. One of these individuals has opinion employee was not the type of individuals to be representing U.S. in Belgrade. Stated *(OSS)* with THAYER at *(U)* its head publicly showered too much attention and seeming admiration upon TITO, which probably gave wrong impression to representatives of other nations. Believes if choice necessary between employees desire for power plus his apparent admiration for TITO and welfare of America in contrast to welfare of Russia, employee would choose welfare of America. Does not know purpose of employee's mission to TITO. Was unable to state as others have, that employee's specific duty was to obtain intelligence information. New York City informants do not know employee. No arrest record located for employee at NYCPD.

b2
b7C
b7D

- R U C -

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated April 29, 1949
Report of Special Agent
dated 4/1/49 at Washington, D.C.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Edward Schmitt</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 121-17249-14
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 1 Bureau 1 New York 15 AUG 23 1949 1 cc AG	
EX-59	

~~SECRET~~

CHARLES WHEELER THOMAS
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
June 8, 1949
New York, New York

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/9/85 BY SP6 BJA/TCY

Referral/Direct

Employment

[Empty rectangular box for employment details]

121 17249-14
-1-

2/11/02 37063elw/gar/ky

7/9/85
Classified by SP6 BJA/TCY
Declassify on: OADR

NY 121-7043

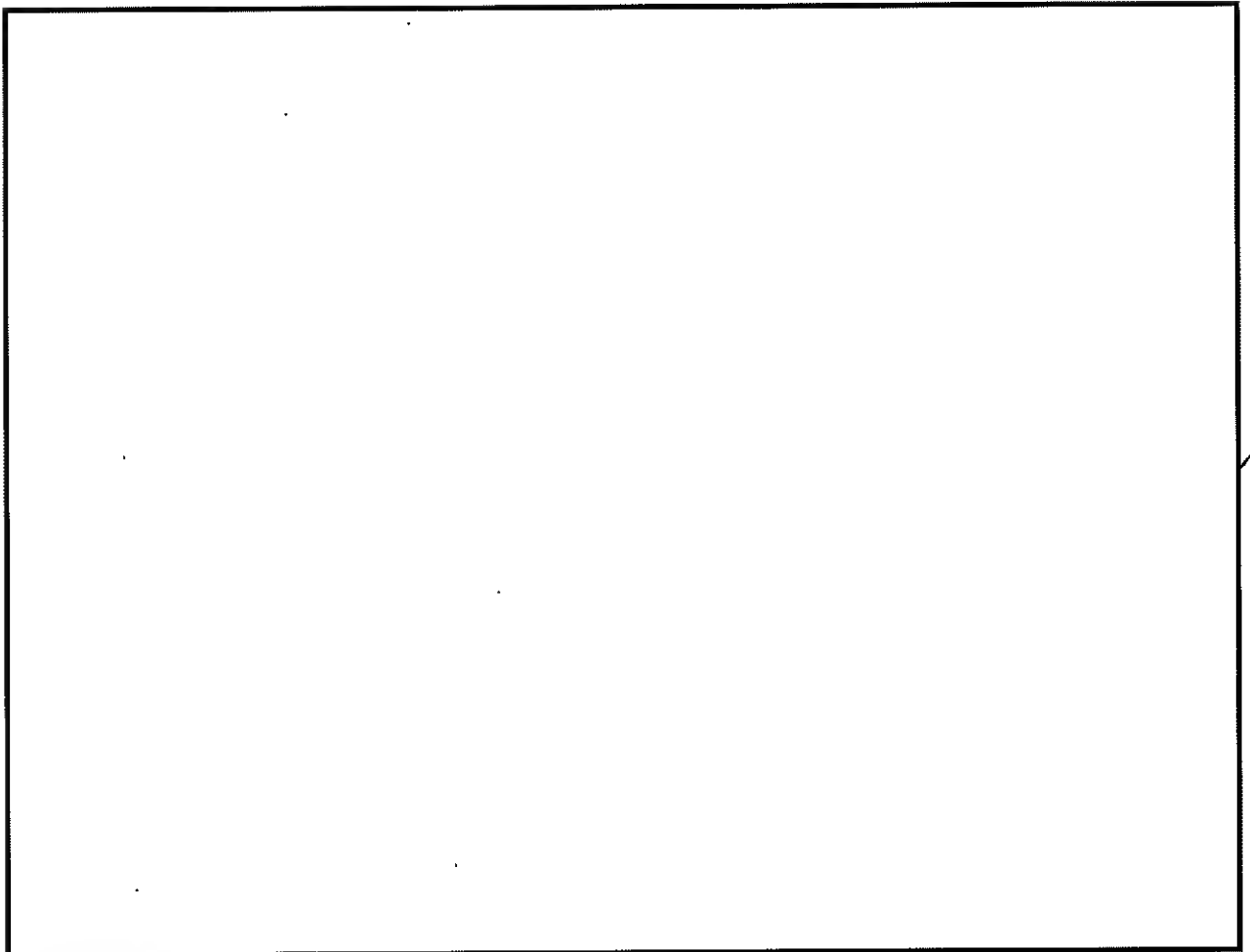
Referral/Direct

- 2 -

121 17249-14

NY 121-7043

~~Confidential~~ Referral/Direct



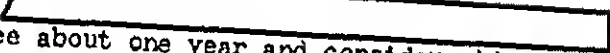
Residences

[redacted]
New York City


b7C
b7D


[redacted]
[redacted] New York City, advised that he knew the employee
for about one year when Mr. THAYER lived at that address [redacted]
[redacted] stated that he believes the employee is a loyal American citizen.
He added that other than [redacted]
[redacted] would know Mr. THAYER.

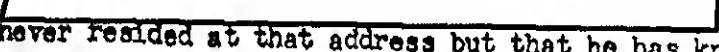
NY 121-7043


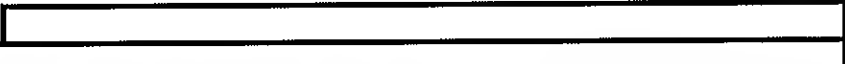


 also advised that he knew the employee about one year and considers him to be a loyal American citizen.



New York City


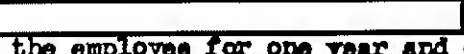

 New York City, advised that she has been at that address for only seven months and does not know the employee.

 stated that she does not know the employee although she has resided in that neighborhood for several years.

 stated that the employee never resided at that address but that he has known Mr. THAYER for many years. He stated that the employee is without doubt a loyal American citizen.

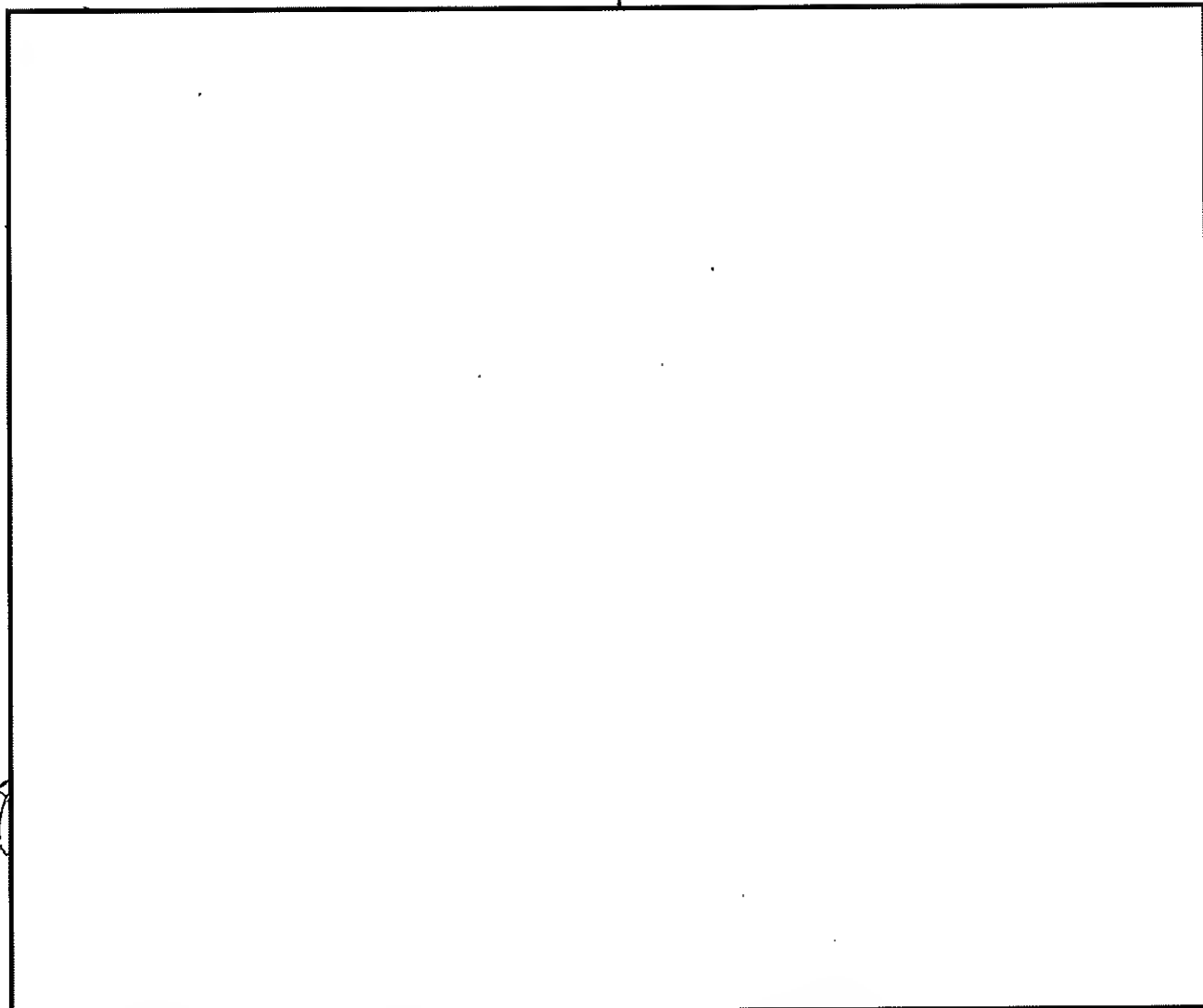


 record of his ever residing there.  stated that she does not know the employee and she does not know of anyone who does.


New York City


 New York City, advised that she has known the employee for one year and considers him to be a loyal American citizen. She stated he lives quietly and never has any visitors. 

121 12345-14

-5-



Referral/Direct
Information concerning employee's activity with office
of Strategic Services (u)

~~SECRET~~

NY 121-7043

Mr. CHAPIN said he definitely would not characterize TITO as admiration but that he felt employee recognized TITO's ability as an individual. He added that the employee was told him he took great pleasure in arguing with TITO and in pointing out the fallacy of Communist philosophy. (u)

WILLIAM DONOVAN, Attorney, 2 Wall Street, New York City, who was formerly General WILLIAM DONOVAN, Director of the Office of Strategic Services during the late war, advised that employee, as a representative of the Office of Strategic Services, was first deputy chief and later chief of the Military Mission to TITO's Headquarters for the Office of Strategic Services. (u)

Mr. DONOVAN advised during the course of this Mission and his tour of duty with Office of Strategic Services, employee did exemplary work. He stated that there is no question in his mind concerning the loyalty of employee to the United States. He advised that he based his opinion on his knowledge of employee's background, his record, and his knowledge of employee while he was attached to the Office of Strategic Services. (u)

In this regard, Mr. DONOVAN advised that employee's most specific duty in his Mission to TITO's headquarters, was to act as friendly as possible with TITO in order to win his confidence so that he might be able to extract all essential military and intelligence information concerning TITO's future plans and policies. (u) b7D Per State

City, stated he was formerly

New York

He advised when he arrived in Belgrade, employee was in Belgrade as head of the Office of Strategic Services unit there, remaining there until "VE" day. (u)

advised he arrived at the opinion, without being able to state exactly the reasons for his feeling, that employee was not the type of individual to be representing the United States in Belgrade. He stated that he believed the Office of Strategic Services with TITAN at its head, publicly showered too much attention and seeming admiration upon TITO. (u)

CONFIDENTIAL

1 121-7043

21 121-7043-14

[redacted] advised that he felt there was too much apparent appealing of TITO and his policies by the American authorities. (S) (u)

He advised that employee in particular, as head of Office of Strategic Services in Belgrade, and an individual who apparently controlled the thinking of the Ambassador and the policy of American authorities in Belgrade, publicly at various receptions held in Belgrade, showed to much of this attention and apparent admiration on TITO, which to his mind, probably gave the wrong impression to other nations concerning the United States position in regard to Russia. (S) (u)

[redacted] stated that his observations of employee's actions in regard to TITO, plus employee's actions which caused him to believe that power and promotion were employee's first consideration, made him feel that employee was not the right type of individual to be representing the United States in Belgrade. (S) (u)

[redacted] stated that actually he was not able to show factually the reason for his feeling of lack of faith in employee other than his observations based on employee's actions. He added that his opinion was such that in the final analysis he believed it became a choice between employee's desire for power and prestige plus his apparent admiration of TITO as evidenced by his actions, and the welfare of America in contrast to the welfare of Russia, employee would first choose the welfare of America. (S) (u)

In conclusion, [redacted] stated that TITO finally ordered the Office of Strategic Services out of Belgrade inasmuch as he had become suspicious of their motives in their overt friendliness towards him and, as a consequence, employee had to leave Belgrade. (S) (u)

New York City Confidential Informant [redacted] who are familiar with Communist activities in the New York area, advised they do not know employee.

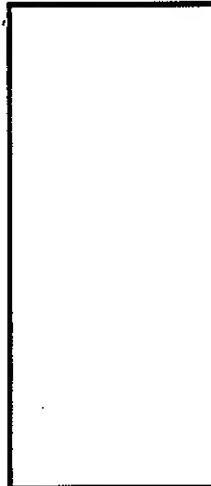
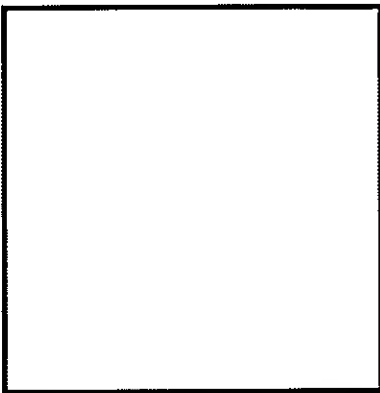
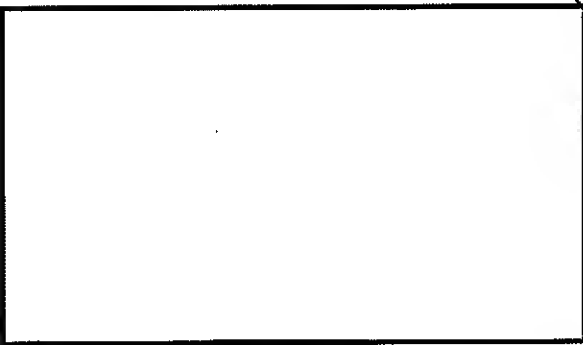
Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York contain no information concerning employee.

b2
b7D

*Sheet
See attached
make up new up*

101 17249-14

as indicated in
Bulfinch 61-2115-1541, 67 p. 10



The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report
dated June 8, 1949, at New York, New York,
are identified as follows:



CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

NY 121-7043

b2
b7C
b7D

61-2115-1541-67 p. 10

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

According to the Daily Worker for October 11, 1941, the Russian War Relief, incorporated, supersedes the original American Committee for Red Aid to Russia. The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist dominated newspaper. The Daily Worker of October 4, 1941, stated that Russian War Relief, incorporated, is intended to be the central national organization through which numerous groups and committees will send their medical and civilian aid to the Soviet Union. According to a pamphlet issued by Russian War Relief, incorporated, shipping facilities were being provided by the Soviet Government, and pending establishment of its own representatives in the U.S.A., supplies were to be distributed by "the Voks", society for cultural relations with foreign countries.

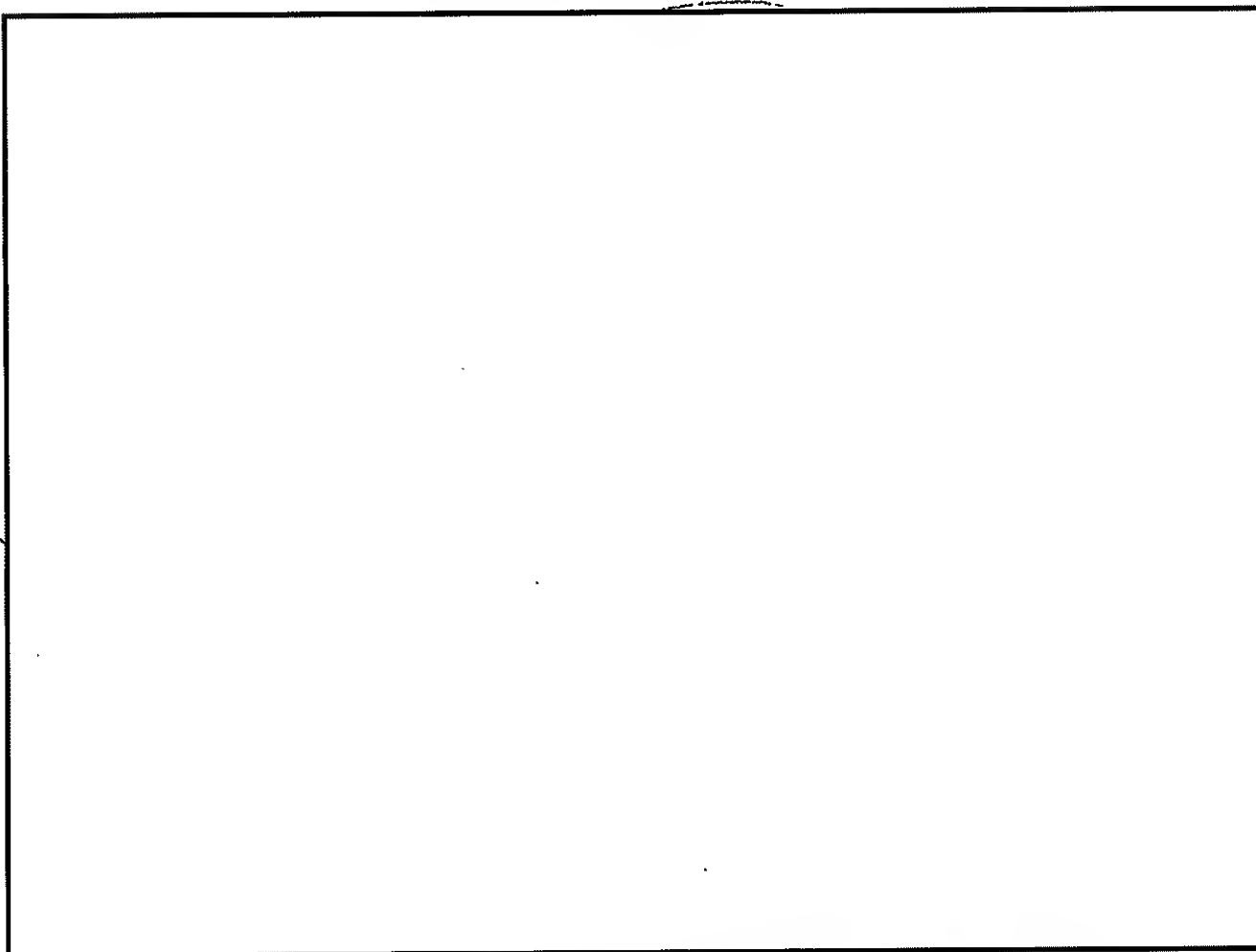
The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The publication "New Masses" has been cited as a Communist front organization by the HUAC on June 24, 1942 and March 29, 1944.

NY 121-7043

Referral/Direct

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS



This information is being included on the Administrative Page inasmuch as it is only an opinion of [redacted]

In regard to the interview of [redacted] it is felt that his remarks should be set out in greater detail.

b7C

b7D

28 172-49-70

NY 121-7743

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Cont'd.)

[] advised that immediately upon his arrival in Belgrade, he noted that the employee was the "kingpin" in Belgrade. He also noticed that the employee was abundantly supplied with money and equipment by [] which was used lavishly in the entertainment of TITO and his representatives and the representatives of Father MATUNS. Because of this money, facilities, and his ability to speak Russian, the employee would get anything he wanted. b1

It was also apparent, according to [] that the employee had tremendous power over the Embassy and that he did the "thinking" for the Ambassador. [] stated that, in view of these facts and coupled with the employee's apparent desire for power and prestige, his evident desire for promotions, as his primary consideration, and, his own, [] dislike for THAYER, [] felt that the employee is not the type of individual to have represented the United States in Belgrade.

b7D Per State

He related that, at the important functions of the various nations in Belgrade, the employee was very obvious in his associations with TITO and TITO'S representatives, going out of his way to be friendly with them, in actions such as throwing his arms about them. [] stated that these actions took place in the presence of the other nations' ambassadors and representatives, and that he felt that a wrong impression of the United States' position toward Russia was created in the minds of the other nations' representatives.

[] advised that he did not know if the employee's duty was such that he was supposed to act in this way in order to get as close to TITO as possible, in order to extract all possible information he could concerning TITO'S policies. He added, however, that even if that was the purpose, he, [] did not approve of such actions, inasmuch as he felt there was "too damn much appeasing of TITO'S actions by the Allied representatives".

It is to be noted that [] stated that he noted a sudden change in TITO'S reciprocation to the advances made by the representatives of [] and THAYER in particular, apparently believing they were seeing and learning too much of his activities and ordered that they be sent out of Belgrade. b1

21 17240 14

NY 121-7043

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Cont'd.)

[] stated that he had never noted or heard of any activities of the employee in the black market.

He offered no information concerning homosexuality on the employee's part.

It is to be noted that none of the individuals who were interviewed voluntarily offered any information concerning homosexuality on the employee's part. No information is contained in this report concerning the relationship of [] and the employee, inasmuch as it was felt that this information was extraneous to the employee's loyalty, even though it could be considered as derogatory information concerning the employee.

b2
b7C
b7D

There is no information concerning this relationship available to the New York Office, other than the admissions of the employee and [] which are set out in WFO referenced report as information obtained from [] of that report.

There is no information bearing on THAYER'S loyalty in the investigation of [] which was conducted as a Special Inquiry for the State Department under Public Law #407, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA) and reported under this character in the report of SA [] dated July 16, 1948, or in the investigation of [] aka, conducted under the same character, which investigation, is reported in the report of SA [] dated July 22, 1948 at New York City. Consequently, none of the information developed in these investigations is set out in instant report.

The investigation of [] failed to reflect any association with the employee, and there is no

121 17049-11

~~SECRET~~

NY 121-7043

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Cont'd.)

other information available to the New York Office concerning the employee and [redacted] other than the information given by [redacted] in WFO referenced report which reflects that [redacted] knew of [redacted]

[redacted]
Consequently, no information concerning [redacted] activities have been included in the "Results of Investigation" section of this report. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] (S)(u)

[redacted]

However, though his activities have not been reported in the "Results of Investigation" for the Bureau's information, a summary of [redacted] investigation is being included here.

The Bureau's attention is called to the letter from the New York Office to the Bureau, dated March 2, 1949, marked confidential, and entitled, [redacted] Pertinent portions of this letter are being included herein, inasmuch as it is believed this information summarizes [redacted] activities.

121 17249 14 f

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DECLASSIFIED BY 39063elw/jan/11
ON 5/2/61

Report by: Special Agent

b7C

Dated: June 8, 1949 at New York,
New York

121 17249-14

... of Society of Government
... should be made of this copy

PROPERTY OF FBI
This confidential
cont.

ENCLOSURE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HRF*

FROM

MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *g*

SUBJECT

CHARLES W. THAYER
STATE DEPARTMENT
LOE

DATE June 8, 1949

DATE *7/9/55* BY *SRB/gaf/ty*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

While talking with ASAC Belmont of New York on June 7, 1949, I requested that he check on the status of this matter and, in the event the investigation had not been completed, that it be afforded prompt attention and a report submitted immediately. Mr. Belmont said this would be done.

Kew Wall Johnson

L.L.L.:mer

121 17249-15

RECORDED - 125

121-17249-15
5 AUG 18 1949250
56 AUG 22 1949

EX-59

*Mr. Belmont
later called Mr. Laughlin
& advised that the New
York report was mailed
to the Bureau 4/2/49*

Office Memorandum • UNIT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : CIV. OTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
 Chief, IED
 Department of State
 New York, New York
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: MAY 27, 1949

7125101
 419533-1
 115 Jan 60 267-AAG

ReBulet April 29, 1949. Enclosed herewith is the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 27, 1949 at Washington, D.C. bearing the above title and character. Attention is specifically directed to the administrative page of Agent [redacted] report wherein an explanation is set out concerning the OSS agency check. As mentioned there, [redacted] CIA, who has the function of furnishing OSS files to agents of the Washington Field Office of the FBI explained that there was a "confidential administrative file" on THAYER, which was not available for review by Agents of the FBI. He stated this was a general practice in the case of certain confidential OSS files under orders from [redacted] superiors.

In this Loyalty of Government Employees investigation, it seemed from the brief summary of the OSS confidential file furnished by [redacted] that there was information in the file of value to the case. However, as the source was not revealed for this information, a question arose as to reporting the summary of the information furnished by [redacted]. It was not reported but the pertinent information furnished by [redacted] was placed on the administrative page, should the Bureau decide that it should be reported.

The question was also raised in connection with this problem as to whether the Bureau through its liaison with CIA should take up the policy of withholding certain confidential files from the FBI in this type of case.

This matter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau to explain the circumstances of the OSS check in this particular case and to set out what appears to be the general policy of the CIA in furnishing OSS files to the Bureau.

ENCL.

1 21 17249 16

121-10812
 FLG:HNW

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

RECORDED - 125

5 AUG 18 1949

56 AUG 22 1949

SECRET-59

b7C
 b3

Per CIA

7/9/85 SHEBja/ky
 58/12

~~SECRET~~

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BUREAU

FILE NO. 121-10812

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-27-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16-20, 23-25/49	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] ELG:bh, hw
TITLE CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, Chief, International Broadcasting Division, United States Department of State, New York, New York			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The employee, while serving with OSS in Europe, considered by many as being pro-TITO, pro-Russian and an associate of TITO Partisans, Russians, pro-Russians and Communists. This activity explained by many as merely following his OSS duties inasmuch as the Allied policy was to cooperate with TITO. Several individuals volunteered the information that the employee is a homosexual and associates with homosexuals.

-RUC-

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated April 29, 1949.

7/30/01
CLASSIFIED BY N15-JAN-1000T-ARC
DECLASSIFY ON: [Redacted]
419853-1

Photo @ [Redacted]

CC TO: [Redacted]
REQ. REC'D 8/25/76
SEP 2 1976
ANS. [Redacted]
BY: [Redacted]

b7C

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the present position of the employee, obtained from his State Department personnel file.

Photo

CC TO: [Redacted]
REQ. REC'D 1-29-62
FEB 2 1962
ANS. [Redacted]
BY: [Redacted]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

Luy. Hottel

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES OF THIS REPORT:

(7) - Bureau
1 - Washington Field
1cc Trans to CIA
7/6/49 - CWS

AUG 22 1949

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

INDEXED - 38

RECORDED - 38

EX-80

5 AUG 18 1949

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED BY B9dase/wjg/ldy
ON 2/11/02

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
United States Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

May 27, 1949

Washington, D.C.

~~7/9/85~~
CLASSIFIED by: multiple sources
Declassify on: OADR

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

The United States Department of State personnel file on CHARLES WHEELER THAYER contains the following information: He was born February 9, 1910, at Villa Nova, Pennsylvania of American parentage. After completing St. Paul's Preparatory School, Concord, New Hampshire in 1928, he entered the United States Military Academy, West Point. He remained here from 1929 through 1933, whereupon he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree. On October 11, 1945, at Vienna, Austria, he married MARIA PETRUCCI, a person of Italian nationality. The employee's Loyalty Form dated March 8, 1949, lists his residence as International Broadcasting Division, 224 West 57th Street, New York, New York.

The employee's State Department file reflects the following employment: Upon leaving West Point in 1933, he served as a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Cavalry, Fort Myer, Virginia. He resigned his commission the same year to enter the U.S. State Department foreign service, and in March of 1934, he was appointed Clerk at the American Embassy, Moscow, Russia. In 1937, he received an appointment as Vice Consul at Moscow, Russia, and later the same year at Berlin, Germany. He was appointed Vice Consul at the U.S. Consulate General, Hamburg, Germany in 1939, where he remained until February of 1940, when he became Vice Consul - Third Secretary at the U.S. Embassy, Moscow, Russia.

He was transferred in February of 1942 to the same position at the U.S. Legation, Kabul, Afghanistan. In 1943, he went to the U.S. Embassy, London, England, where he assumed the duties of Vice Consul - Third Secretary. During 1944 to 1946, he was in the military service. From March, 1946, to August of the same year, he served as U.S. Political Advisor with the U.S. - U.S.S.R. Joint Commission, Goseoul, Korea. Thereafter, he was assigned to the U.S. National War College, Washington, D.C., until November 13, 1946, when the employee was assigned to the International Broadcasting Division, Office of the Associate Chief, New York City, as a Consultant (Russian); effective December 28, 1947, he was promoted to Associate Chief and on March 10, 1949, he became Chief, International Broadcasting Division, New York City, which position he presently holds. Mr. THAYER performed supervisory duties.

~~SECRET~~

- 1 - A 121 17249-17

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

WFO 121-10812

b6 Per State

b7C

b2

b7D

II. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

Washington [] another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the following information pertaining to CHARLES THAYER. This information was reported to Washington [] by a confidential informant of that agency, who will hereinafter be referred to as Washington []. According to Washington [] this informant has always been found to be trustworthy, and has furnished reliable information to Washington [].

Washington [] served as an official for the United States Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, when CHARLES THAYER was stationed there as Chief of the Military Mission (OSS). He stated that when the Military Mission was set up in Belgrade, THAYER had as his [] two Americans of Yugoslav descent named [] both described by Washington [] as Communists. According to this informant, these two individuals, while at Bari, Italy during World War II, showed clearly and unmistakably to everyone that they were Communists. A third member of Mr. THAYER's [] was [] who, according to Washington [] was probably not a Communist but did associate with the Communists and especially with []. Washington [] further reported that THAYER was very friendly with the Russians, and although our policy at that time favored TITO, the employee showed a very strong like towards the TITO Forces and a dislike for General DRAZA MIHAILOVICH. He stated that THAYER once "flow in" fifty jeeps and gave them to TITO and that a good many good Americans in Belgrade questioned THAYER's loyalty to the U.S. cause.

Washington [] in addition, advised Washington [] that, while he was at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he heard rumors to the effect that the employee was a homosexual. A close friend of Washington [] worked on the staff of THAYER in Belgrade for the Military Mission, confided in Washington [] that he had suspected THAYER of being homosexual, had heard stories that he was homosexual and had made a point of trying to find out whether such information were true. He later told Washington [] that he found that THAYER was a homosexual. Washington [] stated that this information regarding THAYER was widely known in Belgrade, although the informant had no actual facts to prove the matter. He stated that THAYER was waited on regularly by a [] who was a known homosexual in Belgrade. Washington [] was at Vienna, Austria, when THAYER was there with the Office of Strategic Services Mission and he advised that he heard the same stories there regarding the moral conduct of THAYER. Washington [] stated that several very close friends of THAYER have

~~SECRET~~

- 2 -

~~121 17243 17~~

~~SECRET~~

WFO 121-10812

had the reputation of being homosexuals and of associating with other reputed homosexuals. This informant explained that there was no question in his mind but that TRAYER is a homosexual and should not be retained in such a vulnerable position as he now holds. He explained that if people knew that the employee were a homosexual in Belgrade and Vienna, that it is a foregone conclusion that the Russians also have access to that same information and at some propitious moment may use it to embarrass the Department of State.

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Washington [] has not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with this loyalty investigation inasmuch as it has been determined that this informant is presently outside the Continental United States on official business for the United States Government.

Per State

b2
b7D

b2
b7D

The files of Washington [] mentioned above, contain further information regarding the employee which is being utilized in this investigation.

The employee's personnel files at the Department of State, Washington, D.C., including his foreign service file and his file covering duty in the Continental United States, reflects his employment with this Department as reported above. The information contained in these files has been utilized during this loyalty investigation.

- 3 -

~~SECRET~~

121 17249 17 J

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

WFO 121-10812

ROBERT JOYCE, Policy Planning Staff, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C., advised that he has known CHARLES THAYER since 1936 as a fellow employee of the State Department and considers THAYER one of his most intimate friends and associates. He characterized the employee as a student of Russian matters and as violently anti-Communist. There has never been any question in the mind of JOYCE as to the complete loyalty of THAYER to the United States. He is a career diplomat, whose every effort is directed toward a pro-American attitude.

Mr. JOYCE commented that in the spring of 1944, THAYER reported to him in Bari, Italy as a member of the Office of Strategic Services. At that time, the informant directed the activities of the Office of Strategic Services in Italy and Yugoslavia, Greece and other countries in that area. In the fall of 1944, JOYCE sent THAYER to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where he was made head of the Military Mission (OSS) to deal with the TITO Forces. Mr. JOYCE explained that it was the decision of the Allied Forces to work with TITO even though it was known he was pro-Russia and pro-Communist. Hence, it was the duty of THAYER to make contact with the TITO Group and others who might be known to be pro-Communist in order to get information of value for the Allied Military Forces. Being under these orders, THAYER did work closely with TITO and admitted Communists in Yugoslavia. However, the employee's personal feelings were known by JOYCE to be extremely anti-Communist. There never was any question in the mind of JOYCE, but that THAYER was always loyal to the United States.

According to the informant, THAYER remained at Belgrade until after the U.S. Embassy was set up there and then went to Austria as head of the Military Mission. In Austria, the services of THAYER were invaluable to General MARK CLARK and other top military individuals because of his knowledge of Russia and the Russian language.

In conclusion, Mr. JOYCE, again, reiterated that THAYER has always indicated to him that he is a completely patriotic citizen. The only reason it could be questioned, according to JOYCE, would be because someone with a personal dislike for THAYER and being unaware of the facts might report trumped-up charges.

HAROLD SHANTZ, National Security Council, Old State Department Building, Washington, D.C., related that he initially became acquainted with THAYER when the latter became employed as a Clerk with the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia in 1934. At that time, SHANTZ was Second Secretary at that Embassy. After serving here together for about a year and a half, their next official and social contact was in 1945. In the early part of that year, THAYER was head of the U.S. Military Mission at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, when SHANTZ was assigned by the State Department to Belgrade as Consul to help set up the U.S. Embassy there.

~~SECRET~~

- 4 -

~~SECRET~~

121 17249-17.3

~~SECRET~~
WFO 121-10612

As a result, for a period of several months THAYER and SHANTZ worked together in Belgrade and also were in contact socially. According to the informant, this has been the extent of his acquaintance with THAYER except for occasional chance meetings.

Mr. SHANTZ explained that there has never been any question in his mind as to the complete loyalty of the employee. However, he stated that it was easy for him to see where others not familiar with the administration policy of the United States in Yugoslavia might question his patriotism. In explanation of this statement, Mr. SHANTZ related that during the period of time that THAYER was in Belgrade, it was the policy of the United States Government to recognize the TITO Group even though it was admittedly backed by Russia and Communists in Yugoslavia. It was thereupon the official duty of THAYER to maintain close official and personal contact with the TITO Forces. This, he did and with telling effect. THAYER maintained these contacts merely as a part of his official duty and there was no personal expression of his toward the ideologies of TITO or the Communists. Informant stated that he mentioned this matter only because he felt those around THAYER in Belgrade might possibly have misconstrued the action of THAYER in dealing with the TITO Forces. In conclusion, Mr. SHANTZ reiterated his complete faith in the loyalty of the employee to the United States Government.

Mr. LLEWELLYN E. THOMPSON, Deputy Director, Office of European Affairs, Department of State, related that he initially met the employee in Moscow, Russia in 1941, while both were assigned to the American Embassy. They served together here for a year or so and since that time have had official contact at various times in their State Department careers. Mr. THOMPSON considers the employee as one of his close personal friends and, therefore, considers himself well qualified to speak concerning the loyalty of THAYER.

Mr. THOMPSON believes CHARLES THAYER is one of the most patriotic Americans he knows. He is not a person who is content to allow his loyalty to be of a dormant nature. His loyalty has been demonstrated by actively engaging in tasks for the State Department calling for action to strengthen America. He is a person of strong, anti-Communist convictions and intense pro-American thoughts. He stated he has never observed anything reflecting unfavorably on the loyalty of THAYER, but on the contrary, has on countless occasions observed action by THAYER showing constructive patriotism.

Mr. THOMPSON volunteered the following information regarding the employee. He characterized him as a very intelligent person which causes him to think and act in an unorthodox manner, in his impulsive nature to get things done quickly. Because of his straightforward approach, he has made enemies and

~~SECRET~~
WFO 121-10812

~~SECRET~~
it was offered by the informant that possibly that persons who did not like THAYER personally might question his loyalty. Casual remarks may have been made by THAYER which left unexplained might be misconstrued as unpatriotic by persons who did not understand THAYER's personality or the situation under consideration. Mr. THOMPSON stated he wanted to make these remarks in an attempt to explain how personal enemies of THAYER might have charged him with disloyal conduct when, in fact, he has always impressed the informant as being the ultimate in patriotism.

b2
b7D

Washington [] a highly placed official of the Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised that he has been officially acquainted with CHARLES THAYER for only the past two years and has had no personal contact with him. He commented that because of this impersonal knowledge of THAYER, he does not feel he is in a position to comment regarding his loyalty. However, during this period, he has personally observed no activity by THAYER which would reflect unfavorably upon his loyalty.

FREDERICK G. REINHARDT, Chief, Division Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C., related that he has known the employee well for the past twelve years. In 1940 - 1941, they roomed together for about one year in Moscow, Russia, while both were assigned by the Department of State to the American Embassy there. During the last World War, Mr. REINHARDT served as a Political Advisor to the Military in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He was stationed in Italy while THAYER was there working for the Office of Strategic Services and later when THAYER became head of the Military Mission in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Because of the nature of their jobs, they necessarily exchanged information and REINHARDT, in this way, was able to scrutinize the thoughts and work of the employee. He explained that it was the decision of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Allied Commander that as to the Yugoslavian problem, that TITO would be recognized and that the TITO Forces would be contacted by the Allied Forces. Hence, under these instructions, the Military Mission (OSS) in Belgrade headed by THAYER was under orders to contact TITO and work with him. THAYER followed these instructions and was instrumental in developing close personal contact with TITO and his subordinates. According to Mr. REINHARDT, THAYER did this, not because he believed in the political ideology of TITO, but merely from a military standpoint. In fact, REINHARDT is positive that THAYER, during his OSS service, conceived that TITO eventually would attach himself to Russia and the Communists. It was THAYER's position to contact anyone who might be in a position to furnish information of value to the Allied Military Forces, irrespective of their political background and undoubtedly with this in mind, THAYER

~~SECRET~~
- 6 -

~~SECRET~~
121 17249-17.8

WFO 121-10812

did maintain close contact with TITO, pro-Russians and pro-Communists. However, the informant stated that THAYER has always been soundly American and his actions have always been directed toward that patriotic note. In all the official and personal relationship which REINHARDT has had with the employee, he has always conducted himself as a loyal American.

LIVINGSTON L. SATTERTHWAITE, Chief, Division of British Commonwealth Affairs, State Department, Washington, D.C., informed that from 1943 through 1948, he was attached to the U.S. Embassy in London, England. He recalled that during World War II, THAYER was in London attached to the Occupied Areas Division of the U.S. Embassy receiving training in the Yugoslavian Division. He was here about six months, and it was during this period that SATTERTHWAITE was able to observe THAYER officially and socially. Over this period, THAYER appeared to be of the utmost loyalty to the United States, no conduct by the employee left any doubt in the informant's mind as to his complete patriotism to America.

[redacted] Washington, D.C., advised that he first met CHARLES THAYER in 1938 or 1939. He did not see him again until September of 1940 [redacted]

[redacted] While there, he saw a great deal of THAYER. [redacted] advised that he next was in contact with Mr. THAYER [redacted]

[redacted] at which time Mr. THAYER left the State Department for duty with the Office of Strategic Services. The [redacted]

[redacted] he has concluded that the employee is very strongly against the Communist form of government in Russia and any other dictatorial form of government. [redacted] during all the years that he has been in contact with the employee, has formed the conclusion that the employee is a loyal American, and a strong supporter of the Democratic form of government as we enjoy in this country.

[redacted] He stated that CHARLES THAYER was assigned to the Embassy in Moscow [redacted]

[redacted] does not feel that he is in a position to comment presently concerning the loyalty of the employee. [redacted] stated that he has never heard anyone question THAYER's loyalty or state that he possessed un-American feelings. [redacted]

121 17249-17

SECRET
(NO) 121-10812

b2
b7C
b7D

Washington [] declined to furnish a signed statement and related that he is unwilling to appear before a Loyalty Board.

[] Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., stated that he had had some personal association with THAYER in the Yugoslavian area during the war when both of them were working for OSS, but stated that he knows the employee best by reputation. He explained that it was the general opinion of persons in that theater that THAYER must have been pro-TITO or he would not have been assigned to head the Military Mission to the Partisans in Yugoslavia. [] remarked that he drew no conclusions reflecting unfavorably on the loyalty of the employee from this, pointing out that THAYER was a very conservative person who was far from being sympathetic toward Communists. He pointed out that because of his official duties for OSS, THAYER undoubtedly associated with Yugoslav Communists but this would, by no means, indicate sympathy for these individuals, except to persons unfamiliar with the nature of THAYER's assignment. In fact, when THAYER visited Belgrade, about a year ago, according to [] he was given "the brush-off" by the Communists who considered THAYER a Reactionary and responsible for the uncooperative policy of the United States toward the TITO Regime. The informant stated that he had never heard any complaints concerning THAYER's loyalty and personally had no doubt in his mind but that he was a patriotic citizen of America.

[] Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., stated that he worked with THAYER in the latter part of 1944 for a period of several weeks when he relieved the employee as head of the United States Military Mission to Yugoslavia. He has met him on infrequent occasions since that time. He has

b3 Per CIA

- 8 -

SECRET

121 10 - 17

SECRET

~~SECRET~~

NO 121-10812

never had any reason to question the loyalty of THAYER and pointed out that while THAYER was in contact with the Partisan Forces in Yugoslavia, he never evidenced any sympathy for the Communist type of government and, as a matter of fact, was outspokenly anti-Communist.

Washington, D.C., stated that he initially met THAYER in [redacted] at which time THAYER acted as his interpreter in contacts with the Yugoslav Forces and the initial contacts with the Russian Army in the Danube. He stated that THAYER handled this assignment with great skill and was adept at parrying questions by the Russians who were seeking information to which they were not entitled. He advised that the interests of the United States were obviously THAYER's primary concern and he gave no indication whatsoever that he was at all partisan toward the Communists.

[redacted] but he feels that his opinion that THAYER is loyal to the United States is well substantiated by his observation of THAYER during that time.

b7C
b7D

b3 Per CIA

Washington, D.C., stated that he was [redacted] Central Intelligence Agency, the Office of Strategic Services in 1944 and met THAYER there, when THAYER was assigned to head the OSS Mission to TITO of Yugoslavia. In addition to conferring with him on official matters, he had much social contact with the employee and came to know him very well. He stated that he had absolutely no question concerning THAYER's loyalty to the United States, and pointed out that any support given by THAYER to the TITO Forces was required of him by his assignment and was not a matter of personal choice.

Miss LAURA TUCKERMAN, 5415 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, related that she first met THAYER in June, 1945, at Salzburg, Austria, when both were with the Office of Strategic Services. She was an Administrative Assistant under THAYER from August to October of that year in Vienna. She stated that she was also well acquainted with MARIA PETRUCOI, THAYER's former wife, and was instrumental in bringing them together. She stated that THAYER is one of the few men she had known in Europe whom she could definitely class as outspokenly anti-Communist. She stated that THAYER always endeavored to support the interests of the United States in his dealings with foreign representatives and while he made efforts to meet amicably with the Russian representatives, he was, by no means, sympathetic to their governmental systems. She concluded by stating that she would never question the employee's loyalty to the United States.

WILLIAM P. MADDOX, Director, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., stated that he knew THAYER in 1944 and 1945, when both

~~SECRET~~

121 17450 17.3

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

WFO 121-10812

were with ~~you~~ in Italy. He stated that he exercised some supervision over THAYER and conferred with him frequently on official matters. From this contact, he stated that he has had complete confidence and faith in THAYER's loyalty to the United States and knows that his contacts with the Communist forces of TITO were made strictly in line with his official duties, and that he never demonstrated any sympathy for the Communist system of government.

Referral/Direct

b3 Per CIA

[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., related that he was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia while THAYER was there as head of the Military Mission in 1945. The few months that THAYER was in Belgrade on the job, [redacted] had slight official and social contact with him. It was a part of THAYER's duties to carry on liaison with the TITO Forces in Yugoslavia. The employee had great success in contacting directly TITO and other highly-placed officials under TITO. According to [redacted] the employee had the reputation in Belgrade of being pro-TITO. However, [redacted] stated that he had no first hand knowledge that THAYER was pro-TITO, nor could he say that being pro-TITO at that time was to be frowned upon from a loyalty standpoint. The TITO Forces at that time were thinly scattered and not a powerful group, and it was not known fully that eventually TITO would be identified as pro-Russian and pro-Communist. Informant stated that he

- 10 -

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

121 17240-17

WFO 121-10812

~~SECRET~~

has no facts upon which he could question the loyalty of THAYER. During the above conversation, [] volunteered the information that it was common gossip in the diplomatic circles in Belgrade that THAYER was a homosexual. However, [] stated that he had no proof of this allegation.

[] that he first met CHARLES THAYER [] Washington, D.C., advised [] stated that THAYER had gone to Russia shortly after he had graduated from West Point in 1933. THAYER had related to [] that, although he had attended West Point, he always had the desire to get into foreign service with the State Department. He was first employed by the Department of State in the U.S. Embassy at Moscow as a Messenger.

[] he has been in frequent contact with THAYER and has had numerous discussions with him regarding Russian and Communism. He has also discussed with THAYER his support of TITO in Yugoslavia inasmuch as [] has always been of the opinion that aid should have been continued to MIHAILOVICH. As a result of these discussions, the informant feels that THAYER had taken a military view of the matter when he attempted to gain the confidence of the TITO Forces and that his pro-TITO attitude did not reflect a personal belief in Communist ideologies. The informant stated that as a result of all his contacts with THAYER, he feels that he is well informed on Russian matters, very anti-Soviet and not at all in sympathy with the Communist form of government. [] stated that he feels that there is no doubt whatever that THAYER is a loyal American.

b7C

b7D

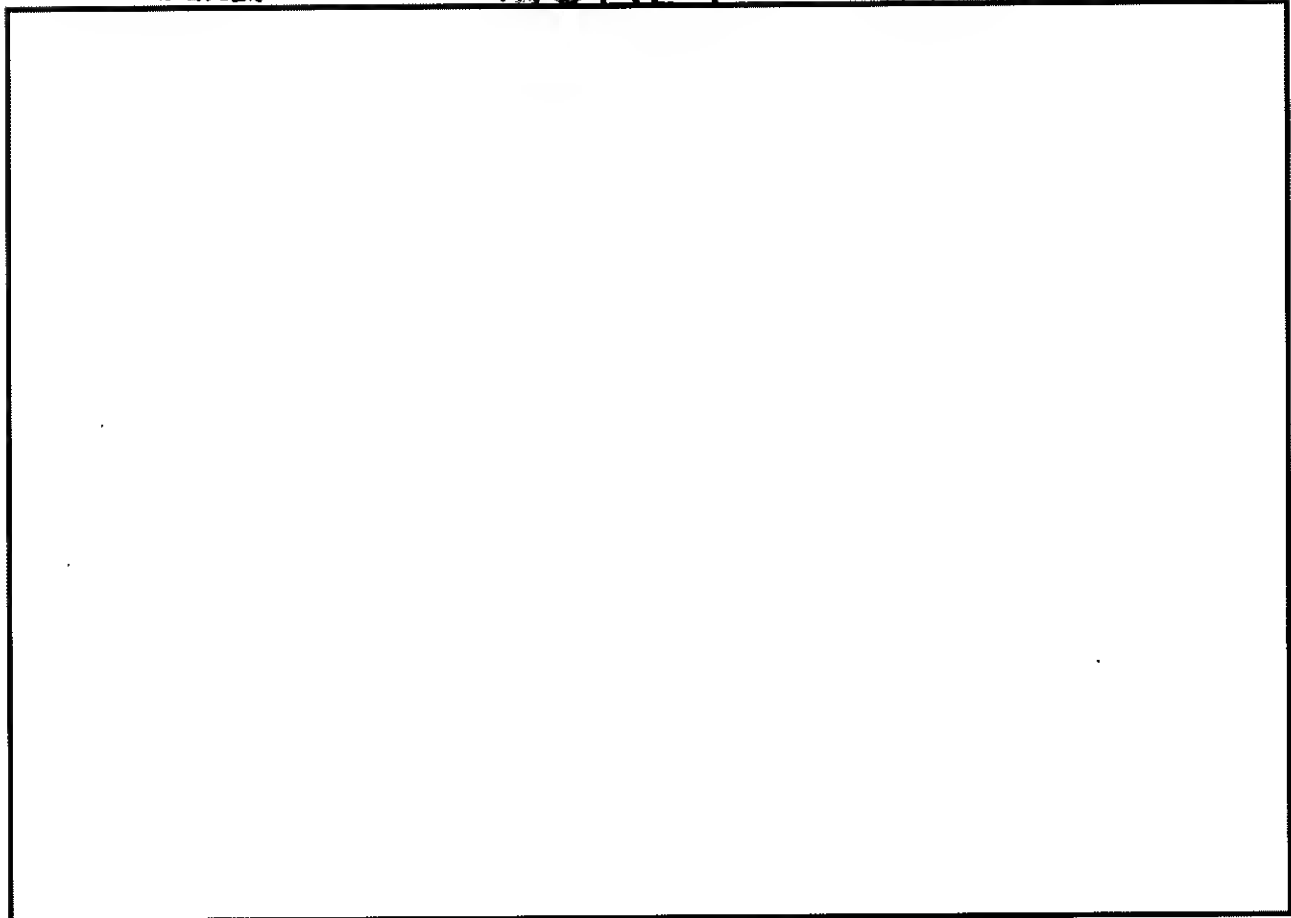
[] Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C., informed that he served as an observer on temporary duty in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations with the 1st Air Force from August, 1942, to December, 1944. [] explained that it was his job to check on all the work of the OSS. During this period, although he did not have personal contact with THAYER, who was doing OSS work, he did read many reports written by THAYER on his observations of conditions in Yugoslavia. It was [] opinion, from reading these reports, that THAYER was extremely pro-TITO. At the time THAYER worked in Belgrade, he apparently had very close contact with the TITO Forces and spent practically all of his time reporting information furnished by them. The informant explained that it was the policy of the Allied Forces to "play ball" with the TITO Forces and to recognize them in contrast to the forces of MIHAILOVICH. It was quite possible that THAYER had this policy in mind when he continually reported pro-TITO information. It is not known by [] whether this trend of THAYER's

121 17249-17

~~SECRET~~

Referral/Direct

WFO 121-10812



[redacted] State Department, stated he was a Naval Officer during World War II and as a representative of Army Intelligence, served with the OSS Mission in Vienna, Austria from August 1945 to January 1946. Technically, THAYER was his supervising officer, inasmuch as the employee was Chief of the OSS Mission for Austria. This official and occasional social contact is the extent of [redacted] knowledge of THAYER. The informant stated that to his knowledge, the employee is a loyal

b7D Per State

- 12 -

~~SECRET~~ 121 17249-17

b7D Per State

WFO File #121-10412

citizen of the United States and nothing came to his attention to reflect unfavorably upon the patriotism of THAYER in Austria. However, [] volunteered the following remarks concerning the personal traits of the employee: He was described as a person who lacked tact and discretion, one who is rude, egotistical, silly, childish and one for whose judgment [] has no respect. It was the general consensus of opinion while [] was in Vienna among fellow workers that THAYER was unfit to supervise a group of people because of the above traits. His snap judgments, which eventually proved to be wrong, were never retrenched. [] considers THAYER an incompetent executive, and he was amazed when THAYER was appointed to his present position.

[] American Red Cross, Washington, D.C., advised that during World War II, he served with OSS and first met THAYER in August 1945 when the latter was acting as head of the OSS Mission at Salzburg, Austria and later when it moved to Vienna, Austria. This informant recalled that THAYER had married an Italian WAC, who was the daughter of a man who was a political prisoner during the war because he was reported as a Nazi sympathizer. [] stated that he was personally acquainted with the employee, was in a position to observe communications dispatched by THAYER inasmuch as he served with OSS as Communications Officer and noted nothing of an unpatriotic nature. The informant recalled on one occasion THAYER sent a message to the State or War Department in the United States requesting he be allowed to give a decoration to TITO, however, the State or War Department responded that no such decoration should be given. It was [] conclusion that this event did not indicate that THAYER was pro-Russian or pro-Communist or believed in the ideologies of TITO but merely was thought to be a good political or military gesture. The informant believes THAYER is a patriotic citizen.

b7C
b7D

(C)

~~SECRET~~

PL 18 #121-14010

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C., former Royal Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, advised that he had met CHARLES THAYER only once in the early part of 1947. At this meeting, THAYER exhibited very strong sympathy for the TITO Regime in Yugoslavia and told [REDACTED] that when he was with the Office of Strategic Services in Yugoslavia, he had discharged employees under his supervision who were pro-MIHAILOVICH. [REDACTED] pointed out that he, himself, was pro-MIHAILOVICH and naturally had an aversion to THAYER's attitude on the Yugoslav question, however, at this meeting he did not pursue any further this question in order to avoid argument. He stated he does not believe THAYER is or ever was disloyal to the United States but believes that THAYER was of the opinion that by cultivating TITO, the United States would gain an important ally.

[REDACTED] Division of South Eastern

-14-

1 21 17249-17

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

European Affairs, State Department, explained he has known THAYER by reputation in the State Department for many years and for the past couple of years has known him socially. He has observed the employee to be a patriotic citizen and has heard others comment to that effect. THAYER has repeatedly expressed his dislike for Communism to [redacted] and the latter knows that the employee in his present position has conducted his work in a strictly American manner.

[redacted] Washington, D.C., advised he was [redacted] during the time CHARLES THAYER was a student at the War College. He explained that his contact with THAYER was strictly of an official nature and that during the time the employee was at the War College, he conducted himself as a loyal American. No information has ever been brought to the attention of [redacted] which would reflect unfavorably upon the patriotism of THAYER.

b2
b7C
b7D

Washington [redacted] of known reliability, stated that he first became well acquainted with THAYER after the fall of Belgrade in 1944, while both informant and THAYER were employees of the United States Government in Belgrade. Informant stated that THAYER was the Chief of OSS and was in Belgrade during the same months in 1944 and 1945 as the informant. Informant stated that THAYER could speak Yugoslav and Russian very well, was a very able diplomat, but had a flare for the dramatic, and had a tremendous desire for power. Informant stated that THAYER was guilty of reporting to Washington officials false information regarding TITO. Informant further stated that THAYER played up TITO and suppressed the true facts regarding TITO's desire of forming a Balkan Confederacy, which would some day become another Soviet state. Informant said that THAYER was instrumental in having photographs of the Army Air Force photograph TITO on many occasions, playing up to the vanity of TITO. Informant stated that the policy had been decided to favor TITO in Yugoslavia and that THAYER would report information supporting that policy. Informant stated that it was well known in the offices of Strategic Services and in the other American offices that THAYER had several Communists on his staff. Informant stated that at this time informant cannot recall the names of those individuals on THAYER's staff, who were known Communists and Communist sympathizers. Informant stated, however, that THAYER explained the presence of Communists on his staff, by relating that it was necessary to have Communists in his dealings with TITO and that the Communists were good sources of information regarding the TITO regime. Informant stated that informant had frequent arguments with THAYER over THAYER's

~~SECRET~~

policy of stressing the good sides of TITO and of suppressing the bad sides of TITO. Informant stated that in informant's opinion THAYER is very able, but informant doubts his wisdom in making policies for the United States. Informant stated further that THAYER is loyal to this country and would not knowingly betray any secrets or confidences to any foreign power. Informant declined to sign a statement and declined to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

Washington [] an individual who has been reported by another government agency, as having furnished them on several occasions with extremely high reliable information, advised that he has been infrequently acquainted with THAYER for the past couple of years. This association has been entirely of a social nature. The informant related that in the conversations he has had with the employee, never has he observed anything which would reflect unfavorably upon THAYER's loyalty. However, the informant volunteered the following incidents reflecting unfavorably upon the character and morals of the employee. He commented that he has observed CHARLES THAYER to be a homosexual. He revealed that on an occasion in about 1946, he entered the apartment of THAYER unannounced and heard sounds in the bedroom indicating that two individuals were engaged in some activity on the bed. The informant did not look into the bedroom but proceeded to the living room. Shortly, two men entered the living room from the bedroom where the informant was waiting. One of the individuals was CHARLES THAYER, who while entering the room, conducted himself in a manner which transmitted the impression that he had been engaging in homosexual relations with the other man. This friend of THAYER's also gave the impression of having engaged in homosexual relations. The informant is not certain of the identity of this person.

b2
b7D

Washington [] related that after THAYER and the other individual dressed, they visited with the informant and THAYER talked at great length about his experiences with the Yugoslavs and Russian people. No mention was made at that time concerning the relationships between THAYER and his friend.

The informant, of his own free will, further related that in 1948, he met the employee and had dinner with him. During the evening they talked for several hours during which they told homosexual jokes, identified homosexuals and talked regarding which one is in love with another man. Later that evening, THAYER made unsuccessful approaches to the informant to engage in homosexual relations with him.

The informant, during the interview, mentioned several

~~SECRET~~~~SECRET~~

individuals who were known by the informant and admitted by THAYER to be close friends of THAYER, who in turn were described by the informant as being homosexuals. An individual described by the informant as a homosexual who attempted to persuade the informant to engage in a homosexual act with him, told the informant that "THAYER is as queer as a \$3 bill" and that he is known as a "high-class homosexual and known only among high-class homosexuals." In conclusion, the informant said that from the homosexual conversations of THAYER, his association with known and admitted homosexuals, and his very definite approach to the informant seeking homosexual relations, convinced the informant that THAYER is a homosexual.

[redacted] Washington, D.C., stated that she owned the house at [redacted] in 1946 and recalled that THAYER and his wife rented an apartment in this house for about three months. She stated that she met the THAYERS only once and, therefore, could not comment concerning their loyalty. She stated that the only other person who lived in this apartment building while the THAYERS were there is a woman who has since deceased.

b7C
b7D

[redacted] Washington, D.C., stated that she occupied the residence at [redacted] N.W., Washington, D.C. in 1936. She recalled THAYER having been a paying guest at that address for about three months. She could not recall the circumstances of his coming to live there or the names of any of his associates at that time. She added that she had observed no reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

[redacted] Washington, D.C., advised that CHARLES THAYER attended the first class at this college from September 3, 1946 to December 20, 1946. He stated that the records of the National War College contained no information which would reflect in any way on THAYER's loyalty. [redacted] advised that he was not personally acquainted with THAYER.

~~SECRET~~

-17-

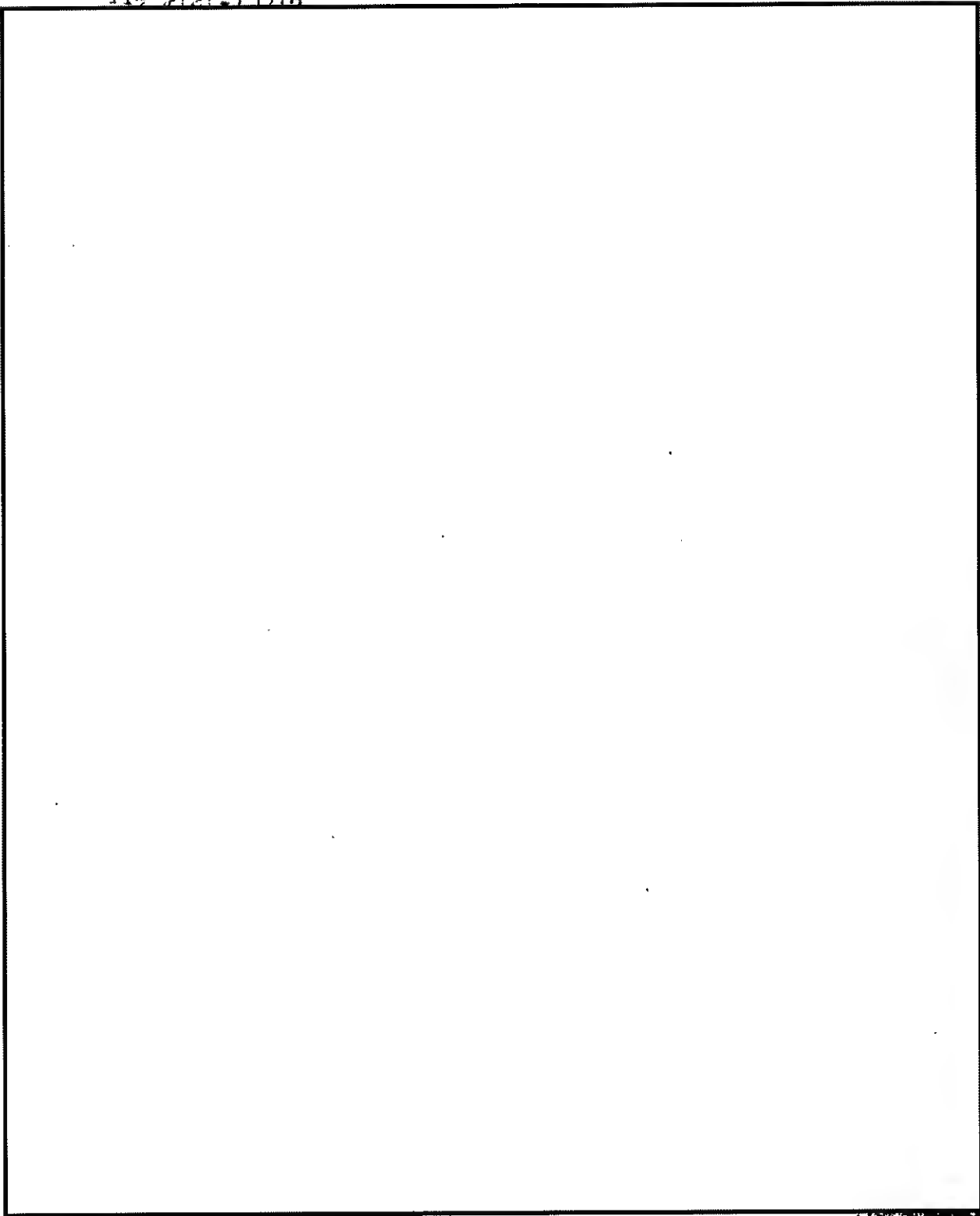
Referral/Direct

~~SECRET~~

121 17249-17

~~SECRET~~

Referral/Direct



-18-

~~SECRET~~

121 17249-17

File #121-10312

The Army Officers record on CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, maintained at the Pentagon Building, revealed that THAYER received an appointment July 1, 1929 as a Cadet at the U. S. Military Academy. On June 13, 1933, he was appointed 2nd Lt. of Cavalry, regular Army, with Serial Number O-13966. He graduated from the Military Academy in June 1933. Effective September 14, 1933, while serving as a 2nd Lt., Cavalry, Fort Myer, Virginia, THAYER resigned from the Army to enter the State Department Foreign Service.

On July 24, 1944, THAYER received a temporary appointment as Staff Officer with the Office of Strategic Services and entered on duty as a Major, AUS, and was assigned to OSS. On November 24, 1944, he received a temporary promotion to Lt. Colonel. In January 1946, THAYER was relieved of his OSS duties in Austria and returned to the United States, where he was ordered to Tokyo, Japan and Korea on temporary duty for the War Department Military Government. He was separated from the Armed Forces on March 13, 1946 at Korea and reverted to inactive status on May 5, 1946. On February 12, 1947, he was appointed a Lt. Colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps, AUS, with Serial Number O-557789. The file reveals that he received the following decorations and citations: Legend of Merit, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon and European Theater Ribbon.

The files of Washington [] and Washington [] other government agencies which conduct personnel and intelligence investigations, contain no information bearing upon the loyalty of the employee.

The files of the Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C. contains information regarding the employee, which has been utilized in this investigation but contains no information concerning his loyalty.

The indices of Washington [] and [] other government agencies which conduct personnel and intelligence investigations, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Criminal Records Division and Special Investigations Squad of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. contain no information which could be identified with the employee.

Washington [] of established reliability, who have been familiar with Communist Party activities and individuals in the Washington area for a number of years, advised that they are not acquainted with CHARLES WHEELER THAYER.

The employee's name was checked against the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and no criminal record was found.

-191 21 17249-17

Best Copy Available

~~SECRET~~

File #121 10812

b3 Per CIA

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT PAGE

State Department, Security Division

b7D

Per State

[redacted] that his name not be revealed in the report: (u)

[redacted] and under no circumstances is his identity to be revealed.

IDA
CSC
ONI

b2
b7C
b7D

[redacted] who was [redacted] and reported by letter dated May 1949 entitled "CHARLES WHEELER THAYER State, LGE."

b2
b7D

~~SECRET~~ ~~SECRET~~

"141-10812

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

The results of the check of the indices of the Identification Division of the Bureau had not been received at the time this report was written.

RESULTS:

To Bureau, May 9 and May 18; Denver - May 18; Los Angeles - May 18; Knoxville - May 19; New York - May 19 and 20; Norfolk - May 20; Cleveland - May 20

During this investigation, the following individuals were interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]

During this investigation, the following individuals were interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]

b3

Per CIA

[redacted] Agent [redacted] also conducted the neighborhoods and reviewed the [redacted] file, [redacted]

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 18, 1949 re THAYER SA-C, wherein reference was made in item 4 to information regarding [redacted] possibly [redacted] believed to be the [redacted] friend of CHARLES THAYER.

b2

The Washington Field Office indices reflect no other information than this statement and hence was not included in the LGE report. Also included in this Bureau letter in item 5 was reference to THAYER's association with [redacted]

b7C

b7D

The only information in the WFO indices re this association is contained in the report of Agent [redacted] Washington, D.C. dated December 4, 1946 on [redacted] wherein THAYER was interviewed as a reference and agency checks were reported. Inasmuch as this report does not disclose the entire information on [redacted] information regarding her has not been set out in this LGE report.

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated April 1, 1949 re THAYER; Security Matter - C, wherein

~~SECRET~~~~SECRET~~

121 17249-17

~~SECRET~~~~SECRET~~

b7D Per State

File #121-10312

Considerable information was furnished by [redacted] Security Division, Department of State. At that time, it was reported on the administrative page that no official report had been made by [redacted] for reasons explained thereon. However, it is to be noted that during this LGE investigation a routine request of the State Department Security Division for a check of its indices on THAYER produced this report of [redacted] which has been furnished the Bureau in the SM-C case. This information is being brought to the Bureau's attention as it indicates that the State Department Security Division apparently now considers Agent [redacted] report a part of the official files and not merely the personal possession of [redacted].

Reference is further made to the Security Matter-C case on THAYER, wherein [redacted] furnished information regarding the personal traits of THAYER and that [redacted] might have information regarding the loyalty of THAYER. [redacted] could not readily be located and hence was not reinterviewed and the information not reported inasmuch as she furnished no facts regarding THAYER's loyalty. The Washington Field Office has received no reply from the Bureau of the teletype requesting permission to interview [redacted].

Reference is made to the SM-C case on THAYER, wherein information was reported from [redacted] State Department, regarding the personal traits of THAYER, as furnished by the State Department Security Division. Both of these individuals are presently outside the continental U.S. on official business for the State Department and hence were not interviewed. Also, the information furnished by them previously was not reported in this LGE case as loyalty was not involved but merely personal conduct by THAYER.

Re the information furnished by Washington [redacted] it is to be observed that the complete information by this informant was furnished the Bureau in the SM-C investigation on THAYER, which was obtained from the files of the State Department Security Division. Some of the information in the SM-C case was omitted in this LGE investigation to protect the identity of the informant and because it was not believed expedient to include the names of reputed homosexuals in the LGE report. It is further to be noted that the friend mentioned by [redacted] as working on the staff of THAYER in Belgrade who

~~SECRET~~~~SECRET~~ 121 17249-17

b3 Per CIA-110 101-10812

~~SECRET~~~~SECRET~~

It is determined that THAYER was a homosexual is [redacted]

The information furnished by Washington [redacted] has been summarized and complete details concerning the homosexual activities of THAYER, as described by this informant, together with the identities of friends of THAYER known to be homosexuals have been omitted from the LOE report. These details and names have previously been furnished the Bureau in the SH-C case and are not included in the LOE case to protect the identity of [redacted] and because furnishing the names of other homosexuals would serve no useful purpose in this loyalty case.

It is to be noted that during the course of the interview with MARYLYN E. THOMPSON, he remembered that a year or so ago, personal accusations had been made by individuals on THAYER's staff in New York, having to do with the personal habits of THAYER. The nature of these charges, THOMPSON refused to reveal stating he had no first hand knowledge of the matter, however, he said that the charges were of the nature that the Secretary (Asst. Sec.) of the State Department was sent to New York to investigate the matter. THOMPSON said the charges were made by people who were "out to get THAYER" and had no factual basis. THOMPSON stated that those charges against THAYER were of a nature that they should be investigated and suggested that Assistant Secretary PEURIFOY be interviewed regarding this matter. It is to be noted that PEURIFOY was interviewed in this LOE case but disclaimed any knowledge of an investigation having been made concerning THAYER's activities in New York.

b2
b7C
b7D

No information has been reported by the Washington Field Office concerning the association between [redacted] THAYER, inasmuch as all the facts concerning their associations were developed by the New York Office of the FBI and the New York Office of the Department of State Security Division. It is believed that the New York Office is the proper office to report this matter as they possess complete information.

It is to be noted that LLOYD A. LEHRBAS, Director of OSI, State Department, Washington, D.C. is the immediate superior of THAYER in Washington. LEHRBAS has not been interviewed inasmuch as he is presently in Paris, France on official business for the State Department.

THAYER's State Department Foreign Personnel File contains a memo dated March 23, 1949 to DONALD W. SMITH from GEORGE V. ALLAN, Assistant Secretary of State, requesting that THAYER be given a temporary assignment at the Embassy at Athens, Greece.

~~SECRET~~

121-17249-17

CO
CO
File #121-10812

where his duties would be to coordinate U. S. information activities in Greece under the direction of the Ambassador. According to the memo, his assignment should be about 4 months, and he should arrive in Athens not later than June 1, 1949. This information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau for possible future reference.

Attention of the Bureau is directed to the results of a check of Washington [redacted] OSS files wherein the statement was made that these files contain no information bearing on the loyalty of the employee. b2 b7D

b3 Per CIA

This is to advise that the OSS file produced for review by the FBI contained only THAYER's application for employment with OSS, letters of recommendation and newspaper clippings indicating he had been appointed as Chief of VOA. However, on the flimsy which was presented to OSS requesting a check of their files and which was returned to the FBI there was shown the following pertinent handwriting comments by [redacted] who handles liaison between the WFO and the division of CIA which releases OSS files: "The following information is classified as Secret - it may or may not have significance to your investigation. Subject was assigned to OSS and while so assigned, he headed a mission to Marshal Tito, and it is reported 'Marshal Tito obviously holds Tito in very high regard and is always accessible to him.' Our records disclose a rumor to the effect that subject is an 'excessive drinker' the basis of this information is not indicated."

[redacted] was questioned by the writer as to where this information was obtained and stated that this came from a highly confidential administrative report maintained by the OSS which is not available to the FBI, just as many FBI reports are not available to other agencies. He stated he had reviewed this confidential administrative report and had furnished the pertinent information as set out above but the file could not be reviewed by an FBI Agent.

The above information furnished by [redacted] was not included in the report as the source was not determined. This circumstance is being brought to the attention of the Bureau in an effort to explain the OSS check set out in the LGE report.

121 17249-17

-24-

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

WFO File #121-10812

Re Norfolk teletype May 25 last advising names of other individuals on US - USSR joint commission with THAYER.

New York has been asked previously to interview [redacted] Others mentioned in Norfolk teletype not being interviewed because of short employment by THAYER with the Commission, which it is believed has been adequately covered.

b7C

~~SECRET~~

-25-

~~SECRET~~

121 17249 17 1

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of State**

Washington, D.C.
May 27, 1949

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
United States Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/9/75 BY SP6 bja/tcy

121-17279-17

Report of - Special Agent [redacted]
Dated - May 27, 1949, at Washington, D.C.

b7C

PROPERTY OF FBI

This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.

This is amended copy of Security of Government Employees report and should not be removed from file for dissemination purposes. If dissemination necessary, copies should be made of this copy.

17

my

~~SECRET~~

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **121-199**

REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE	DATE WHEN MADE 5/26/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/24/49	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]
TITLE CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, Chief, International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, New York, New York			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>3301</i> <i>CLASSIFIED BY 5-11-63</i>	[Redacted]
-----------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------

b7C
b7D

REFERENCE:

Washington Field teletype to Bureau and Knoxville dated 5/19/49;
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 5/23/49;
Teletype from Knoxville to Washington Field dated 5/26/49.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

Photo:
CC TO: **250**
REQ. REC'D **1-289-62**
FEB 7 1982
AND
BY: *Alf*

Photo Attached
CC TO: *Alf*
REQ. REC'D **8/25/76**
SEP 2 1976
ANS. Spec Request
BY: *Wings*

121-17249-18

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 121-17249-18	RECORDED 8
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 1 - Bureau (AMC) 1 - New York (Info.) 1 - Knoxville		AUG 18 1949	9
1cc Bureau to CEA 9/1/49 - CWB		RECEIVED	

50 AUG 22 1949

~~SECRET~~

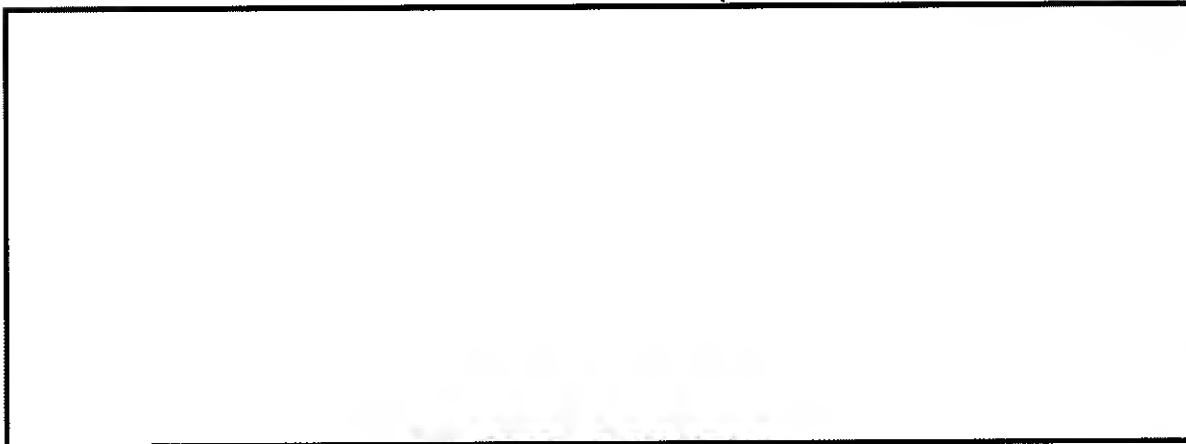
CHARLES WHEELER THAYER,
Chief,
International Broadcasting
Department of State,
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOY

May 26, 1949
Knoxville, Tennessee

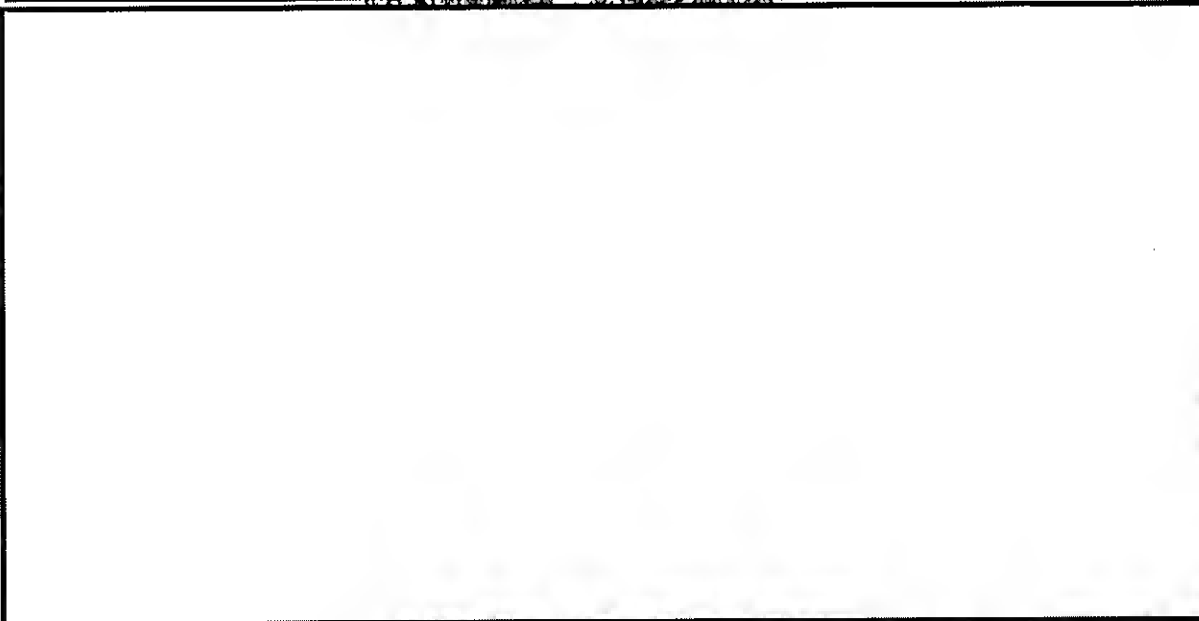
III.



7/9/85 subgaltay



b7C
b7D



17249 18

SECRET

ADMINISTRATIVE S

A copy of this report is being de
Office in view of the fact that THAYER resides i

ed for the New York
t Division.

b7C
b7D

121-17249-18

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER,
Chief,
International Broadcasting Division,
Department of State,
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

7/9/85
SP6 bja/Hcy

~~121-17249-18~~
~~121-17249-18~~

121-17249-18

b7C

Report of: Special Agent [redacted]
Dated: May 26, 1949 at Knoxville, Tenn.

PROPERTY OF FBI

This confidential report and its contents
are loaned to you by the FBI and are not
to be distributed outside of agency to
which loaned.

This is amended copy of Security of Government
Employees report and should not be removed from
file for dissemination purposes. If dissemination
necessary, copies should be made of this copy.

18

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUREAU

FILE NO. 121-417

REPORT MADE AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	DATE WHEN MADE 5/26/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/23, 24/49	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> lab
TITLE CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, Chief, Division of International Broadcasting, Department of State, New York, New York.			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photo removed
CC TO: C. I. A
REQ. REC'D 8/25/26
SEP 2 1976
ANS. Spec Request
BY: [Signature]

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Washington Field teletype to Norfolk, dated May 20, 1949.
Norfolk teletype to Bureau and Washington Field, dated May 25, 1949.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/3/01 BY 39063aw/jal/dj

121 17249-19...

Photo:
CC TO: D 50
REQ REC'D 1-29-62
FEB 2 1962
af mh

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 7 - Bureau (AMSD) 1 - Norfolk 1 - [unclear] 56 AUG 22 1949	121-17249-19 5 AUG 18 1949 3 08 PM '49 RECEIVED	RECORDED - 31 EX-11

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

5/3/01 37063212/13a.2

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
Division of International Broadcasting
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

121 17-2-19

Report of: Special Agent
Dated: May 26, 1949, at Norfolk, Virginia

b7C

PROPERTY OF FBI

This confidential report and its
contents are loaned to you by the
FBI and are not to be distributed
outside of agency to which loaned



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 25 1949

TELETYPE

Mr Tolson	
Mr Clegg	
Mr Glavin	
Mr Ladd	
Mr Nichols	
Mr Rosen	
Mr Tracy	
Mr Egan	
Mr Gurnea	
Mr Harbo	
Mr Mohr	
Mr Pennington	
Mr Quinn Tamm	
Mr Nease	
Miss Gandy	
CLC	

FBI NORFOLK

5-25-49

3-02 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, DEPT. OF STATE, LGE. RE WFO TELETYPE MAY

TWENTY, LAST.

THIS IS BEING SET OUT AS

3 AUG 18 1949

INFORMATION AND NO LEADS ARE DIRECTED

EX-112 RICHARDSON

TWO COPIES WFO

END

AUG 25 1949

121 17249 20

4-06 PM OK FBI WASH DC EJC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUREAU

FILE NO 121-2274

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 5-25-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-20, 23-25-49
TITLE CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, Chief, International Broadcasting Division, United States Department of State, New York, New York		CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

[redacted] in signed statement advised that THAYER collaborated with Yugoslav Communist leaders including General TITO and Soviet officials in 1945 when he was head of the Office of Strategic Service Military Mission. The Office of Strategic Service Mission which THAYER headed discriminated against United States citizens who were anti-Communist. THAYER reported to have engaged in black-market activities. [redacted] in signed statement set out that the Office of Strategic Service Mission which THAYER headed discriminated against him when it learned he was against the Yugoslav Communist Government. THAYER is unknown to [redacted]

b7C
b7D

Amended
TO: C-18
REC'D 8/25/26
SEP 2 1946
ANS: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Teletype from Washington Field to Los Angeles dated May 18, 1949.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated May 23, 1949.

Photo
CC TO: OSD
REC'D 1-24-62
FEB 2 1962
ANS:
BY: *Ally*

1 21 17249 2A

7/4/85 SBL/SG/TCY

APPROVED AND FORWARDED

COPIES OF THIS REPORT

7 - Bureau (AASD)
1 - Los Angeles

1 - [redacted] to CIA
9/6/49 CUB

56 AUG 22 1949

RECEIVED

*4ccse
1cc AG*

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

RECORDED

INDEXED

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
United States Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

May 25, 1949
Los Angeles, California

III RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

b7C
b7D

On May 23, 1949, [redacted]
[redacted] California, who is a businessman in Los Angeles, was interviewed
and submitted the following signed statement:

b7D Per State

"Los Angeles, California
"May 23, 1949

[redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted]
[redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special
Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"In 1945, March to be exact, [redacted]

As

I climbed out of the airplane Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES
THAYER came out to me and to my companions and after some
preliminary questioning, told us with an authoritative voice
that it would be up to us to establish a friendly relationship
between the Yugoslav Government and that of the United States.
He also indicated that if there were any questions or
instructions that we wanted, he would be the man who would
supply them. Actually, Colonel THAYER had no business to
contact us nor to interrogate us as he was, at that time,
Chief of the O.S.S. (Military Mission to Yugoslavia) and we
of the State Department, members of the Embassy, were
replacing that military mission.

"To my best knowledge, Colonel THAYER stayed in Yugoslavia
from two to three months after the Embassy's arrival. About
a week after I began my work in the Embassy, an American
citizen, who lived in Yugoslavia all during the occupation,
told me that when he went over to the O.S.S. Mission, which

121 17249 21

- i - A

7/1/83

SP6 bsa/tcy

was headed by Colonel THAYER, in the month of November, 1944, and asked for some economic help, Colonel THAYER's staff questioned him concerning his political beliefs. This American was very critical of the Communists as well as the Nazis; criticized, extensively, Marshal TITO and the partisan movement and the intervention of the Soviet Government in Yugoslavia. This American citizen was given a quick brush-off by the O.S.S. Mission and he received no economic help. After this incident I did some investigating and found more than six cases where similar situations occurred. In short, members of the Military Mission, whose duty was to help the stranded Americans, refused to help them in every case where the stranded Americans were critical of the Communist regime in Yugoslavia. All this was done with Col. THAYER's knowledge and approval.

"About three weeks after my arrival in Yugoslavia I questioned Col. THAYER about his Mission's refusal to help the needy Americans and he dismissed the whole thing with a statement, 'Oh, they were nothing but Nazi collaborators.' That, of course, was a complete lie because most of those people I learned to know well, personally, and had plenty of time in my subsequent residence in Yugoslavia to investigate their behavior during the German occupation.

b6 Per State

b7C

b7D

"About the same time, I was checking an economic report written by [redacted]

[redacted] All three were members of the O.S.S. Mission headed by Col. THAYER. The report I examined was a statement of damage done to an American power plant located in the city of Novi Sad. This report indicated that the damage was 100 per cent destruction. About a week later, [redacted]

[redacted] we came to a conclusion that the plant was only 50 per cent destroyed, or perhaps 60. The report was written and it should be on record with the State Department. This should clearly indicate that the Mission had the desire to donate property to the Yugoslav Government because it was the American bombers that destroyed that plant. Actually, the American owners in the United States could still claim half the property because subsequently the Yugoslav Government took over all American properties in Yugoslavia, and, as I understand, later paid for confiscated properties.

121 17249-21-3
-2-

"I brought this falsified report to the attention of Col. THAYER and I asked him why was it that his men were diminishing the Communist control over the economy of Yugoslavia and exaggerated damages done to American properties? Col. THAYER refused to discuss the situation by stating that he had full confidence in his men. It became apparent, after a while, that U.S.S. Mission under Col. THAYER's control, was doing everything possible to help the Communist cause and interfere with all those who attempted either to protect American interests, or who were anti-Communists.

"After several encounters with Col. THAYER I began to keep an eye on him and found that at all social functions he was extremely fond of being with the Soviet officials and it also became apparent that he made many social calls upon Yugoslav top Commissars and ranking Soviet military officials. I say social calls because the function of the Military Mission ceased and it was handled by the State Department; yet, Col. THAYER kept on meeting with the ranking Communist officials.

"I was present at gatherings where political economic discussions took place, at which Col. THAYER also expressed himself as a good Party-liner. His usual comments were, 'Let's not be so hard on TITO. After all look at the difficulty he has had with the Nazis and perhaps he is justified in being a little bit tough on his people.' Or such a remark as, 'So what if he did confiscate the American properties?' After all, the Americans were using the poor, unfortunate people of Yugoslavia for their selfish interests.' Or he would say, 'Don't be a tool of Wall Street.' In my some dozen talks with Col. THAYER, not on a single occasion did he ever criticize the methods used by the Communists, be they of Russian or Yugoslavian origin.

"A month after our arrival in Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Government was attempting to re-establish a new rate for the American dollar. This negotiation should have been handled by the Embassy; however, CHARLIE THAYER jumped the gun without any authorization from our Ambassador, went over to the Yugoslav Foreign Office and agreed on a very unrealistic rate. True, this agreement was not made in writing; however, the Yugoslav Government never made any changes. As a result, the American dollar was pegged

at 50 dinars, where it should have actually been set somewhere around 300, with a sliding scale. Ever since that time the United States Government has been forced to pay a higher living allowance to their employees in order to make up the high living due to low exchange rate which was set by the Yugoslav Government on the basis of original discussions with CHARLES THAYER. Through this arrangement, which he set up without authority, it has cost the United States Government no less than \$1,000,000, and I am prepared to write an economic analysis and prove how I arrived at this \$1,000,000 figure.

*About a month or so later, Col. THAYER was transferred to Vienna as the Chief of the O.S.S. Mission in Austria.

*Shortly after my conversation with Mr. BICHINICH, we at the Embassy learned that Col. THAYER was coming for an unofficial visit from Vienna. We were all surprised because as a rule even Americans on official business had difficulty entering Yugoslavia. When Col. THAYER arrived, an excellent source informed me that he first went into the Yugoslav Foreign Office where he had a one-hour discussion with Deputy Foreign Minister for Yugoslavia. Later on he had a visit with Marshal TITO; then came to the American Embassy; then he saw some Soviet top officials and I believe that day or the next day, at a party, Col. THAYER came up to me and said, 'What's the idea, [redacted] interfering with a loan to Yugoslavia?' I asked him how was it that he knew about it and he said, 'Never mind that. Why don't you help these poor people? They need American dollars.' Col. THAYER's voice was very friendly, with the exception

that he was very insistent on U.S. giving Yugoslavia a loan. I told him the whole story of my conversation with Mr. BICHINICH and that I still felt that Yugoslav behavior didn't warrant a loan from the United States. There, THAYER again attempted to justify the behavior of TITO's Communist regime and slightly threatened me; however, when I accused him of this threat, he quickly said that I misunderstood him. The best recollection I have now is that our conversation lasted about a half hour and during that time the whole thesis was that we should give the Yugoslavian Government a loan, notwithstanding the fact that the Yugoslavian Government failed in all of its obligations to the United States.

"I am also aware, beyond any doubt, Col. THAYER, after our conversation, again paid a visit to the Yugoslav Foreign Office, where he repeated our conversation.

"It should be noted that CHARLES THAYER, when head of the U.S.S. Mission in Yugoslavia, was friendly with, and allowed [redacted] a well-known Party-liner, a run of the Mission and, in fact, [redacted] gave him orders as to which Americans should be given aid. THAYER would follow [redacted] advice

b6

b7C

Per State

"While I was in Yugoslavia, it also became apparent to me that on many occasions THAYER gave American gasoline, food supplies, ammunition, tires and other equipment to the officials of the Yugoslavian Government and the Soviet Military Mission, without pay. All these presents were uncalled for. Actually, Col. THAYER had no authorization from anyone to give those goods to the Yugoslavian Government. I am not speaking of the goods that were authorized as a part of Lend Lease. These were personal favors to the ranking officials of the Yugoslav Government and the Soviet Military Mission. My personal feeling is that Colonel THAYER was always ready and willing to serve the Communist officials, and his whole behavior was in the interests of their success. I, just as strongly, feel that his behavior in Yugoslavia was very detrimental to the American cause, and in addition the fact that he collaborated with Communist high-ranking officials and Soviet officials has convinced me that he is not a good security risk.

"CHARLES THAYER, in my opinion, is not a good security risk because of his collaboration with top Communist officials in Yugoslavia and with Soviet officials, as has been related above. I further feel that he is not a good security risk because when he was in Yugoslavia, he and his Mission engaged in black market activities.

"Towards the end of 1945, certain members of the Military Attache's Office of the American Embassy, were engaged in the black market operations. Our Ambassador, RICHARD C. PATTERSON, asked me to investigate the extent and detail of the operations. During my thorough investigation, I uncovered the complete operation of two persons connected with the American Embassy, and at the same time, I found out that several months before, while Colonel THAYER and his Mission were still in Yugoslavia, that they were operating in the black market. I am not in a position to state that every member of that Mission was involved; however, I can state that Colonel THAYER, personally, was buying diamonds and other precious stones and cameras which were being sent for re-sale into Italy and, in some cases, into Cairo, where three to five-fold profit was achieved. I also became aware that Colonel THAYER sometimes directly, and sometimes through some of his henchmen, was purchasing American securities by paying 10 cents on the dollar. It also became apparent to me that unlimited amount of American food supplies, clothing and medical supplies were being sold by the American Military Mission to the populace of Yugoslavia. Most of these sales were made, not for the Yugoslav paper currency, but for the 20-frank gold pieces (gold Napoleons). I have probably talked, personally, to 50 people who gave me detailed information concerning Americans of the Military Mission, under CHARLIE THAYER's command and CHARLIE THAYER, himself, information dealing with their black market operations. One of Colonel THAYER's men admitted to me that he, personally, made \$3,600 in the black market on food and clothing and automobile parts, and he was only an enlisted man. After careful study of the black market operations in Yugoslavia by the American Military Mission, I have come to a conclusion that a minimum of one-half million dollars was made by Colonel THAYER and members of his Mission, those men who engaged in black market operations.

"My personal acquaintance and knowledge with CHARLES THAYER also based upon investigation, has revealed that CHARLES THAYER collaborated with top Yugoslav Communist Government officials, collaborated with Soviet officials, and engaged in black marketeering while he was in Yugoslavia. In view of these facts, there is no doubt in my mind that CHARLES THAYER is a bad security risk and is entitled to no position of trust or confidence with the United States Government. b7D

"I am willing to testify before the loyalty hearing board. Per State

"I have read the above seven and three-quarters pages of my statement, have made several corrections and placed my initials at the bottom of each page and find it to be true to the best of my knowledge and voluntarily sign this the last page. 121 17249 21

"Witness
Angela"

- Special Agent, FBI - Los Angeles

The above statement was dictated by [redacted] He stated that the information set out in his signed statement was based upon his own investigation and information obtained from reliable, confidential informants whose identities he would not reveal. He stated that he would not reveal the identities of his informants because in the past he has done this and some of his confidential informants who gave him information concerning Yugoslav Communist Government and those who collaborated with the Yugoslav Communist Government, have since been executed.

Insert → On May 23, 1949, [redacted] a United States citizen of Yugoslav descent who spent many years of his life in Yugoslavia until after the termination of World War II, was interviewed and submitted the following signed statement: b7C b7D

[redacted]
Los Angeles County, Calif.

May 23, 1949

"I, [redacted]
Los Angeles County, California make the following
voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified
himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation.

Insert

b7C
b7D

During instant interview [redacted] voluntarily advised
that Thayer [redacted]

[redacted]

him.

121 17249 21.3

"My personal acquaintance and knowledge with CHARLES THAYER also based upon investigation, has revealed that CHARLES THAYER collaborated with top Yugoslav Communist Government officials, collaborated with Soviet officials, and engaged in black marketeering while he was in Yugoslavia. In view of these facts, there is no doubt in my mind that CHARLES THAYER is a bad security risk and is entitled to no position of trust or confidence with the United States Government.

b7D

Per State

"I am willing to testify before the loyalty hearing board.

"I have read the above seven and three-quarters pages of my statement, have made several corrections and placed my initials at the bottom of each page and find it to be true to the best of my knowledge and voluntarily sign this the last page.

"S/s [redacted]

"Witness - [redacted] - Special Agent, FBI - Los Angeles"

The above statement was dictated by [redacted]. He stated that the information set out in his signed statement was based upon his own investigation and information obtained from reliable, confidential informants whose identities he would not reveal. He stated that he would not reveal the identities of his informants because in the past he has done this and some of his confidential informants who gave him information concerning Yugoslav Communist Government and those who collaborated with the Yugoslav Communist Government, have since been executed. b7C b7D

During instant interview [redacted]

On May 23, 1949, [redacted] a United States citizen of Yugoslav descent who spent many years of his life in Yugoslavia until after the termination of World War II, was interviewed and submitted the following signed statement:

121 17249 21

-7-

SECRET

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles County, Calif.
May 26, 1949

"I, [REDACTED]
Los Angeles County, California make the following
voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who has identified
himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation.

121 17249 21

"In early 1945 I went to the O.S.S. Mission in Belgrade, Yugoslavia for a job as I am an American citizen; also I wanted protection until I could get out of the country. The Mission was under the leadership of Charles W. Thayer. I talked with Michel Petrovich and Lt. Miner who worked under Thayer. They quizzed me as to my political affiliation, and when I told them I was against the Communists, they told me they could not help me.

"After I started working for U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, I saw a cablegram sent to O.S.S. Mission telling them to help me, and to assist me to get out of the country. Actually they refused to do anything for me in spite of these instructions. I never had but a few brief conversations with THAYER, which consisted primarily of salutations.

[redacted] read the preceding page and a quarter of my statement and have initialed the correction by placing my initials on the bottom of page one, and I acknowledge this statement to be true in fact and detail to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board in the event of my health permits me to do so.

b7C
b7D

"s/s [redacted]

"Witness

"Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif."

On May 25, 1949,

[redacted] were interviewed and advised that they resided in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 1921 to 1946. However, CHARLES THAYER was unknown to them and they knew nothing concerning the Office of Strategic Service Military Mission in Yugoslavia.

121 17249-21

LA 121-2274

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

[redacted] when interviewed on May 23, 1949, advised further concerning CHARLES THAYER. [redacted] stated that THAYER when in Yugoslavia had the reputation of being a homosexual and it was common knowledge that he was friendly with Chief Petty Officer [redacted] (phonetic), United States Navy, who was also considered to be a homosexual by those in the State Department who knew him.

b7C
b7D

It should be noted that at the request of [redacted] he was given a copy of the signed statement which he executed for this office.

[redacted] were interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]

121 17.48-21

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED
C. 5/3/01 39063 elw/jan/dy

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
United States Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

121 17-43 21 3

Report of Special Agent

Dated: May 25, 1949, at
Los Angeles, California

b7C

PROPERTY OF FBI

This confidential report
and its contents are loaned
to you by the FBI and are not
to be distributed outside of
agency to which loaned.

This is amended copy of Security of Government
Employees report and should not be removed from
file for dissemination purposes. If dissemination
necessary, copies should be made of this copy



ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/3/91 BY 38063 elw/jar/ky

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 24 1949

TELETYPE

WASH 2 FROM LOS ANGELES 24 11-30 AM

DIRECTOR URGENT

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd ..
Mr. Nichols ..
Mr. Rosen ..
Mr. Tracy ..
Mr. Egan ..
Mr. Gurnea ..
Mr. Harbo ..
Mr. Mohr ..
Mr. Pennington ..
Mr. Quinn Tamm ..
Mr. Nease ..
Miss Gandy ..

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, CHIEF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
DIVISION, U.S. DPET. OF STATE, NY, N.Y., LGE. ERIC PRIDONOFF,
LA, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] EMPLOYED BY PRODUCTUS DE
MAIS AT LONDRES NO. SEVEN FIVE, MEXICO CITY, FAMILIAR WITH THAYERS
COLLABORATION WITH [REDACTED] SOVIET OFF-
ICIALS. SUGGEST BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED.

HOOD

ACK PLS

5 AUG 22 1949

EX-9
121 17249 22

1121-17249-22
5 AUG 18 1949

SAC, LOS ANGELES

May 23, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

Chief

International Broadcasting Division

U. S. Department of State

New York, New York

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

7/9/85 SP4/leg/tey

Reurlet May 9, 1949, containing information furnished by [redacted] concerning the employee, who is in charge of the Voice of America Program of the State Department in New York City. According to referenced letter, [redacted] accused Thayer of blackmarketing, being sympathetic to Communists in Yugoslavia, and failing to assist Americans in Yugoslavia. He also claimed to have personal knowledge of these statements and stated that Thayer is considered to be a homosexual by many people. He knows that Thayer was blackmarketing in Yugoslavia by buying diamonds and cameras for a very low price and selling them in Cairo, Egypt, through Italy realizing huge profits from them. [redacted] also accuses him of selling foodstuffs to local Yugoslavians, which food was supposed to be distributed by Thayer as a member of the American Military Mission. He also accused Thayer of approving erroneous economic reports made by members of his (Thayer's) own military mission, these reports indicating that American installations had been completely destroyed by American and British bombing and thereafter were completely worthless, whereas, in fact these plants were not completely worthless and in many instances could be placed into operation without too much repair.

b7C

b7D

For your information, a full field loyalty investigation was initiated on April 29, 1949 by the Bureau with the dead line of May 27 being set. The field was cautioned at that time that this case should be assigned to Agents experienced in handling security and loyalty investigations and that the interviews conducted must be discreet in order to avoid any criticisms of the Bureau by Thayer, as past experience has indicated, Thayer's feelings concerning the administration and the operation of the Bureau. The basis for instant loyalty investigation was Thayer's close association with [redacted] of New York who is of Russian extraction and who has served as the member for various officials of Russian agencies in the United States, such as the New York Consulate, Antwerp, etc., his support of the Communist element in 1933 while stationed in Bari, Italy, and his alleged pro-Soviet sympathies.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Knoxville

New York BTM:hsh

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAILED 13

★ MAY 23 1949 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED - 133

20511

12.1

1453

5231949

In light of the information contained in referenced letter, you are instructed to reinterview [redacted] and to endeavor to obtain a signed statement from him and to ascertain if he is willing to testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board. You should also interview [redacted] who, according to [redacted] can furnish information regarding Thayer's failure to help Americans in Yugoslavia because of their being anti-Communist.

The Knoxville Office is instructed to interview [redacted] Tennessee, who was [redacted] has been designated by [redacted] as being an individual who would furnish substantially the same information concerning Thayer that he [redacted] has furnished.

b7C

b7D

The New York Office is instructed to interview [redacted] New York, formerly assigned to the United States Embassy in Belgrade. [redacted] likewise has been designated by [redacted] as being able to furnish information substantiating his allegations concerning Thayer.

As indicated previously, Thayer has been reported as being a homosexual. If, during your investigation information concerning this fact is voluntarily furnished, same should be incorporated into the report but no effort should be made to solicit this type of information. Likewise, any other information of a derogatory nature should be reported.

You are instructed to give this matter expeditious attention and to submit reports to reach the Bureau on or before May 31, 1949.

121 17249-23

Best copy available

May 20, 1949

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

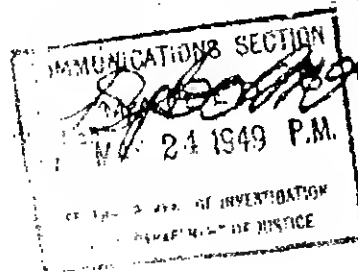
Mr. Samuel D. Boykin
Director
Office of Controls
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

To: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
U. S. Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my letter dated April 29, 1949,
captioned as above, requesting that your Department conduct the
necessary investigation concerning the employee in countries where
he has been assigned by the Foreign Service of the State Department.

b7C
b7D



20-1000

1814
AC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DIRECTOR, FBI

May 23, 1949

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
State Department
LOS

Reur tel May 18, last, requesting authority to interview [redacted]
Washington Post newspaper. Since there is allegedly a distant
relationship existing between employee and [redacted] authority not being
granted to interview her.

EFM:hhm *lmm*

b7C
b7D

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/11/01 BY 39063elw/jardj

121-17249-25

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED
★ MAY 23 1949 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

121-17249-25
AUG 18 1949
32

62 AUG 23 1949

Best copy available

Handwritten signature/initials

5-20-49

5:30 PM

WASHINGTON FROM WASH FIELD

ROUTINE

CARLES WHEELER THAYER, STATE, LGE.

APRIL TWENTY NINTH LAST. RE REP SA [REDACTED]

WFO, APRIL ONE LAST, RE THAYER, SECURITY MATTER C, REPORTING

INFORMATION FURNISHED TO STATE DEPARTMENT BY [REDACTED]

WFO

TO USE THIS INFORMATION AS BASES IN LGE REPORT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b3
b7C

HOTTEL

RECEIVED TELETYPE UNIT

APR 22 1949
FBI
10812

121 172 26

EX

Handwritten notes:
For enclosed due to
Special assignment
which requires
get results

RECEIVED
FBI
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
RECEIVED

1-17249-
18193

624-251843

Handwritten signature/initials

Best copy available

121-17249-28

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, NORFOLK

URGENT

THOMAS WHEELER THAYER, CHIEF, DIV. OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING, DEPT OF STATE,
NY, NY, 100, FBI BASED ON ALLEGATIONS THAT THAYER SUPPORTED COMMUNIST ELEMENTS
IN 1948 WHILE STATIONED IN ROME, ITALY, AND DUE TO HIS PRO TITO SYMPATHIES. IF
ALLEGED FORTY SIX, THAYER U.S. POLITICAL ADVISOR IN KOREA WITH AMERICAN DELEGATION
TO THE US DASH USSR JOINT COMMISSION. NORFOLK INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

b7C

b7D

INVESTIGATION REVEALED

EVIDENCE HOMOSEXUALITY ON PART OF THAYER. INFORMATION RE THIS SHOULD NOT BE
SOLICITED BUT SHOULD BE REPORTED IF VOLUNTARILY GIVEN. DATED MAY TWENTY SEVEN
MUST BE MET.

121-17249-28
FBI

121-17249-28

RECEIVED
FBI
MAY 28 1949
DAY SECTION

RECORDED - 53

121-17249

250

MAY 1 1949

5/20, 1955

51

R O U T] N

[Handwritten signature]

ASTING, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, NEW YORK, LGE

BASED ON ALLEGATIONS OF THAYER. SUPPORT OF COMMUNIST ELEMENT

RE: WHILE IN BARI, ITALY AND ALLEGED PRO TITO SYMPATHIES

b7C

PRIOR INVESTIGATION

REVEALED EVIDENCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY ON PART OF THAYER. INFORMATION
THIS SHOULD NOT BE SOLICITED BUT SHOULD BE REPORTED IF VOLUNTARILY
GIVEN. BUDED OF MAY TWENTY SEVEN MUST BE MET.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-10-2001 BY 60322 UCBAW

121-17249-29

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FBI

APR 53 8 15 AM '14
FOIA RECORDS SECTION
RECEIVED EX-3

1621-17249

1949

Best copy available

Handwritten initials and marks

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

1

27

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC

No time

FROM HENRY MC THAYER, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING DIVISION, UNIT 10
WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, NY, LOS.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

IN THAYER

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

NY INTERVIEW. BY ... TITLE CHANGE TO PRESIDENT

b7C
b7D

STATION
TELETYPE UNIT
2 11 PM '49
SEC. OF JUSTICE

Handwritten signature
HOTTEL

WASH:JPM
121-10012

121 17249-31

RECEIVED
EB
MAR 30 2 30
GOVERNMENT
RECORDS
FBI

121-17249-31

Handwritten signature

Handwritten signature
AUG 25 1949

Best Copy Available

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/1/01 BY 39063 elw/san/dj

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 23 1949

TELETYPE

WASH 5 FROM LOS ANGELES 23 4-18 PM

DIRECTOR

1 21 1 31 X

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING DIVISION,
U. S. DEPT. OF STATE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, LGE. RE LA LETTER MAY
NINE FORTY NINE ENTITLED CHARLES THAYER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE
DEPT., PUBLIC LAW FOUR ZERO TWO, EIGHTIETH CONGRESS, VOICE OF
AMERICA, ISC. ON PAGE THREE OF REF LA LETTER INDIVIDUALS LISTED
WHO ARE REPORTED TO KNOW OF THAYER-S PRO-SOVIET AND PRO-
YUGOSLAV SYMPATHIES. LA IS NOT SETTING OUT LEADS ON THESE NAMES.

WJH

ND

WJH

RECORDED 3

SEP 29

17-341-31X

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **121-296**

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 5/26/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/25/49	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE CHARLES WHEELER THAYER Chief, Division of International Broadcasting Department of State New York, New York			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

who had served with the O.S.S. during World War II, advised that he has known the employee since the fall of 1944 and had no reason to question employee's loyalty.

- RUC -

Reference:

Washington Field teletype to Bureau and Cleveland dated May 20, 1949.

7/30/01
CLASS. BY **SP6 bja/fcy**
DECLASSIFY ON **EX-1**
419523-1

6 I. R. - 8

Photo:

CSD
11-29-62

ATG
HARRIS
DATE **7/9/85**

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED

R. J. Attabetsios

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

RECORDED - 27

COPIES OF THIS REPORT

7 - Bureau

1 - Cleveland

(100) **42-103-6**
9/10/49
CIA
W.D.

121-17247-32

[Signature]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

151-205

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11/11/01 BY 60322

DATE 11/11/01 BY 60322

151-205

151-205

151-205

151-205

151-205

151-205

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/11/01 BY 60322

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/11/01 BY 60322

3

RECORDED - 51

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FBI
MAY 31 11 32 PM '45
RECEIVED
SECTION



b7C

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, Division of International Broadcasting
Department of State
New York, New York

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

May 26, 1949
Cleveland, Ohio

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

[redacted]
Toledo, Ohio, advised that he has been acquainted with the employee since the fall of 1944 while serving with the Office of Strategic Services. [redacted] stated that he had no reason to question the loyalty of the employee and highly recommended him.

b7C
b7D

100-24102 39203elw/sa/dy

121 17.40 32

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, Division of International Broadcasting
Department of State
New York, New York

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

7/9/25 spc bja/fay

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Report of: Special Agent [redacted] b7C
Dated: May 26, 1949, at Cleveland, Ohio

PROPERTY OF FBI

This confidential report and its
contents are loaned to you by the
FBI and are not to be distributed
outside of agency to which loaned

121 17249 32 R



This is amended copy of Security of Government
Employees report and should not be removed from
file for dissemination purposes. If dissemination
necessary, copies should be made of this copy

32-

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Letter to Director
NY 100-79287

[REDACTED]

CHARLES THAYER who was then + head of the VOA. [REDACTED] became friendly with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that although THAYER has denied being pro-Soviet, he considered that THAYER actually is pro-Soviet. He stated that the only other possibility would be that THAYER'S assistants are pro-Soviet and deluding THAYER. He stated, however, that in his opinion, THAYER is shrewd enough so that no one would be "pulling the wool over his eyes".

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Letter to Director
NY 100-79287

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

The above information is submitted for the completion of the Bureau files. The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that the New York Office and the Washington Field Office conducted considerable investigation concerning CHARLES WHEELER THAYER both from a security standpoint and in connection with the Loyalty of Government Employees program. No action is being taken by the New York Office in connection with the information furnished by [REDACTED] as set forth above.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
Special Agent in Charge

1 21 17249 33

..b-

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

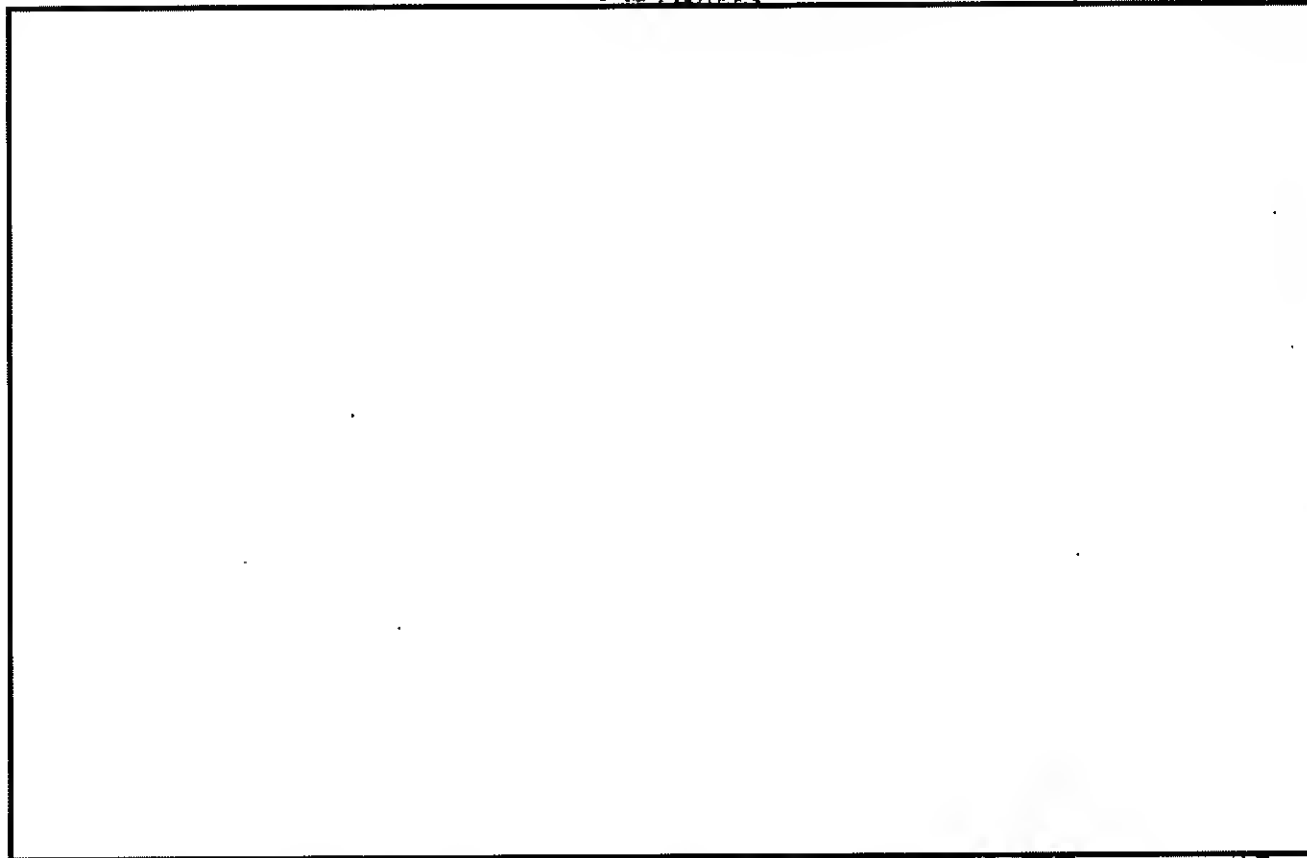
12 August 19, 1949

SUBJECT

CHARLES WHEELER TRAYER
Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State,
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Referral/Direct

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo



There is attached a copy of a letter received by the Bureau from the New York Office dated July 26, 1949, which sets forth [redacted]

The attached letter sets forth substantially the same information as was supplied to the State Department. [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the vital interest of the State Department in the operation of the Voice of America program, it is believed that we should at least [redacted]

RECORDED - 1

5 SEP 0 1949

Attachment SEP 29 1949

File

100-34780-1

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

[redacted]
[redacted] If you approve, appropriate instructions will be given to the New York Office to [redacted]
[redacted]

b7C
b7D

The Liaison Section should be informed of our decision in this matter so that Mr. Boykin, of the State Department, can be informed.

Well I will go along with it but I don't like idea of butting our informants on the spot & even less for the State Dept.

James
H.

H.

121 17:10-34

Date: August 10, 1949

To: Mr. Jack D. Neal
Associate Chief
Division of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER TRAYER
Foreign Service Officer
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

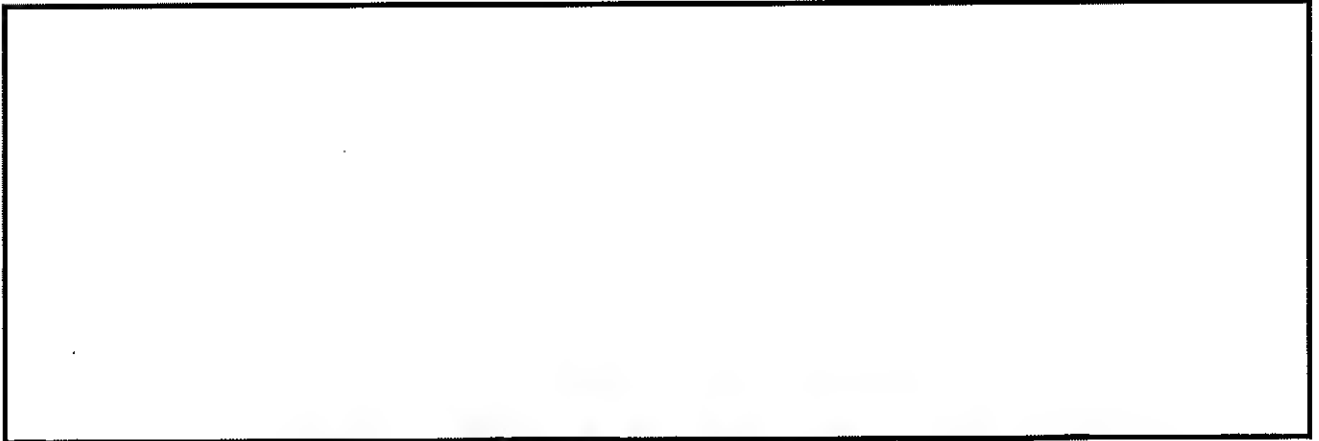
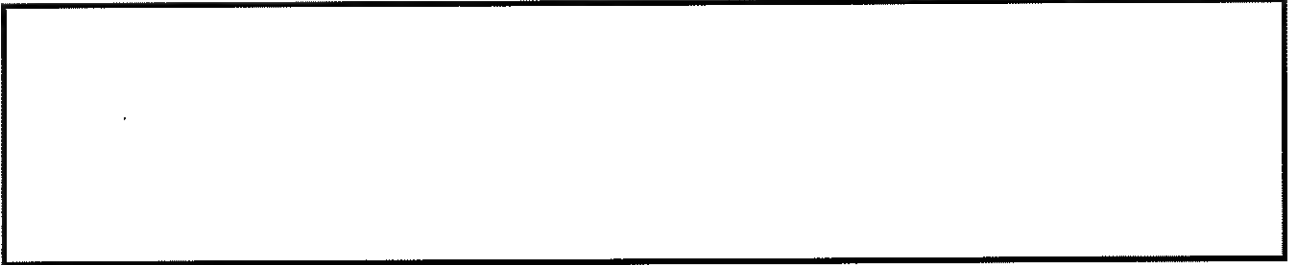
By letter dated June 21, 1949, copies of the investigative reports prepared by this Bureau concerning the captioned individual reflecting the results of the investigation conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 were transmitted to the Civil Service Commission for referral to the State Department Loyalty Board.

cc - Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

121 17244 34 12 1

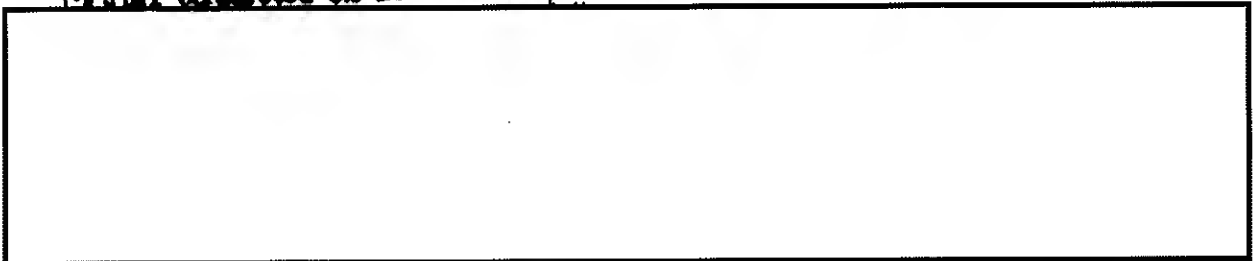
Best copy available

~~SECRET~~



b7C
b7D

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication. The "Moderate Press," mentioned above, was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.



121, 17249-34 ..

~~SECRET~~

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

September 13, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
 Foreign Service Officer,
 U. S. Department of State
 Washington, D. C.
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

KRILL MIKAILOVICH ALEXEEV
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re Bureau letter dated August 31, 1949, requesting this Office to contact [redacted] in order to ascertain if he would be willing to talk to an Assistant Secretary of State concerning information furnished this Office in the operation of the Voice of America Program.

[redacted] was contacted and he advised that he would be very willing to talk to any representative of the United States Government. He advised that his wife is very ill with tuberculosis at the present time, and his physicians do not believe that she will live very long.

He further stated that he is without work at the present time and therefore is in dire financial need. In view of this fact, he stated he cannot incur any traveling expenses if representatives of the Government desire he go outside the City of New York.

[redacted]

*Give info to Bogkin, State,
 4-19-49 RML.*

121 17249 36

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 11/10/01 BY 60324WJ/ldy

RECORDED

EX-15

121-17249-36
 19 SEP 21 1949

ARS:NJ
 100-79287

OCT 4 1949

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 100-341720-1

b7C
 b7D

Tickler

RECORDED - 125

6-7/8/25 SPL bsa/tey

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: September 16, 1949

DISPATCH ON 5/10/51 390630 h/w/sar/dy

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

21 11 40 37

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER TRAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
U. S. Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

G I R 2

By letter dated June 21, 1949, copies of the investigative reports prepared by this Bureau concerning the above-captioned individual reflecting the results of the investigation conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, were transmitted to your service. At that time you were advised that the State Department and the Department of the Army had been requested to conduct investigation outside the continental limits of the United States.

At this time I am transmitting herewith four copies of a communication dated July 14, 1949, from the American Embassy at Kabul, Afghanistan.

The State Department advises that a report of investigation in England will be forwarded upon receipt.

RECEIVED - U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED - U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

SEP 18 5 50 PM '49

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
BY
SPECIAL MESSENGER
★ SEP 19 1949 ★
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

57 OCT 5 1949

SEP 18 5 50 PM '49

Office Memorandum • ~~SECRET~~ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : V. P. Keay *VPK*

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE *Waltace*

DATE: September 6, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Gurnea ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

[redacted] of CIA has requested that the Bureau furnish to him copies of the loyalty investigation on Thayer. You will recall that Thayer was Chief of the Voice of America Program with the Department of State.

b3

The Bureau's investigation reflected that Thayer collaborated with Yugoslav Communist leaders in 1945, while head of the OSS military mission. This investigation also reflected that Thayer was a homosexual.

[redacted] advised that Thayer was leaving the State Department, and it was [redacted] belief that he would be offered a top job with CIA. In order to preclude any such move, [redacted] wanted to review the loyalty investigation and prepare a memorandum for top level review concerning Thayer's past activities. [redacted] stated he would return the reports to the Bureau after reviewing them.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached copies of the loyalty investigation be transmitted by liaison to [redacted] for review and then returned to the Bureau's files.

Attachment

clwb
VFB:hke

7/31/01
CLASSIFIED BY NIS-jay 60267-ANC
DECLASSIFY ON: [redacted]
44533 [redacted]

ALL INFO CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/2/85 BY [redacted]

RECORDED - 4

23 OCT 4 1949

~~SECRET~~

58 OCT 6 1949

RECORDED - 41

Date: November 9, 1949

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

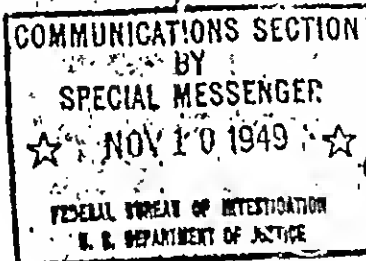
Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
U. S. Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my letter dated September 16, 1949, transmitting copies of a communication received from the American Embassy at Kabul, Afghanistan. At that time you were advised that the State Department was conducting an investigation in England and that a report would be submitted at a later date.

At this time I am transmitting herewith four copies of a report dated October 13, 1949, received from the American Embassy at London, England.

As you were previously advised the Department of the Army has been requested to conduct an investigation in Occupied Europe, the results of which will be forwarded upon receipt.

12:17249 40



Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

62 NOV 23 1949 290

RECEIVED-NEW YORK
NOV 10 1949
S. J. T. 10

Handwritten signatures and initials:
H. J. T. 10
P. H. 11
R. J. T. 10
S. J. T. 10

~~5/11/61~~ 3906321w/jar/dy

Date: November 10, 1949

CONFIDENTIAL
REGISTERED MAIL

To: Director of Intelligence
General Staff
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

7/8/85 SP6bja/foy

Attention: Chief, Security and Training Group

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
U. S. Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

12/10
Re.

121 17249 41

Reference is made to my letter dated April 29, 1949, captioned as above, requesting your Department to conduct the appropriate investigation in Hamburg, Germany, and Seoul, Korea, concerning Thayer.

By letter dated June 24, 1949, you advised that the CIC Detachment in Korea had been deactivated and that no investigation would therefore be conducted in Korea. Further, that the results of the investigation in Europe would be forwarded upon receipt.

To date the results of the investigation conducted by your Department in Europe have not been received and it would therefore be appreciated if you could make this information available in the near future so that our joint responsibilities under the President's Loyalty Program may be fulfilled.

G.I.R.-7

RECORDED - 41

121-17249-41
31 NOV 16 1949

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

RFM:jjs

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 9
NOV 11 1949 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

121-17249-290

~~3946361012/Jan 14~~
on 5/11/14

2

Attention: Chief, Security and Training Group



7/2/85 SP6bja/tcy

S.I.R.

could not have been
could make this

[Signature]
EFM:hmm

121-17249-42
JAN 11 1950
42
32
32

JAN 6 1950
 COMM - 101

52 JAN 16 1950

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
 Chief
 International Broadcasting Division
 U. S. Department of State
 New York, New York
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE February 28, 1950

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

PURPOSE: DATE 3/11/50 BY 2903 JLD/jly

To respond to your inquiry regarding the loyalty investigation of Charles Wheeler Thayer as to whether the information concerning Thayer being the father of an illegitimate child was disseminated in the loyalty reports and to clarify a question raised as to whether Thayer was in contact with a Soviet official.

BACKGROUND:

1 21 17249 43

You will recall by memorandum dated February 23, 1950, I furnished you a summary of information developed during the loyalty investigation of Thayer, and two questions occurred to you (1. Whether we had disseminated the information concerning Thayer being the father of an illegitimate child, and 2. Whether Thayer had been in contact with a Soviet official).

Concerning the information that Thayer was the father of an illegitimate child, you may recall that by memorandum dated April 27, 1949, you were furnished with a summary of the information developed during the Security Matter - C investigation on Thayer, which was conducted immediately prior to the institution of the Loyalty of Government Employees investigation. During the security investigation one of the points developed was the fact that Thayer is the father of an illegitimate child born to [redacted] an employee of the Voice of America Program in New York City. Further, that Thayer was a patient of Doctor [redacted]

This information was obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] of the Department of State. As was pointed out in this memorandum, [redacted] identity must be protected by all means in view of the fact that his making the information available places his position with the State Department in jeopardy and would ruin an excellent source of information for the Washington Field Office. My memorandum of April 27, 1949, contained a

RECEIVED
 RECORDED

MAR 2 1950

EX-87

EFM:mhb

58 APR 21 1950

b6

b7C

b7D

Per State

recommendation that the "Security Matter -C" report of the Washington Field Office containing the information in question not be disseminated for the reasons (1) dissemination would jeopardize the Bureau's valuable contact in Mr. [redacted] and (2) the Administrative Division of the State Department already possesses the information and such information has not been suppressed.

b7C
b7D

As you are aware, it has been the policy during the Loyalty of Government Employees Program to include information concerning person's morals in loyalty reports only if volunteered by witnesses interviewed during the loyalty investigation. During the loyalty investigation of Thayer, considerable information bearing on Thayer's homosexuality was volunteered by witnesses who were interviewed regarding his loyalty and since this information was volunteered it was included in the reports that were disseminated. However, regarding the information concerning Thayer being the father of an illegitimate child, no information was volunteered along these lines by witnesses interviewed during the loyalty investigation and actually this information was given to the Bureau on a very confidential basis by [redacted] as noted above.

Due to the fact that this information was furnished to us confidentially and was already in the possession of the State Department, it was not included in the loyalty reports which were disseminated to the Civil Service Commission and the State Department. ✓

b7D
Per State

With regard to your second inquiry as to Thayer being in contact with a Soviet official, a review of the loyalty reports reflects that during the interview with [redacted] stated that he had noticed that Thayer, while in Yugoslavia at social functions, was extremely fond of being with un-named Soviet officials and it became apparent to [redacted] that Thayer made many social calls upon Yugoslav top Commissars and ranking Soviet military officials. Also in this connection, [redacted] advised during the loyalty investigation that he had become intimately acquainted with Thayer because they were both members of the US-USSR Joint Commission for Korea. [redacted] advised that because of Thayer's employment with this Commission he had many conferences with a Mr. Tserapkin, the present Director of Charge d'Affaires, Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C. [redacted] however, stated that during the negotiations between Thayer and Mr. Tserapkin, their arguments and attitudes would be antagonistic.

It may also be pointed out in this regard that Thayer enjoyed a patient-doctor relationship with [redacted] who, as described above, has been utilized by various Russian Government agencies in New York City.

b7C | Nothing was developed during the Security or Loyalty Investigations of Thayer to indicate that his relationship with [] was other than a patient-doctor association, and the principal connection between Thayer and [] hinged upon the fact that [] was the doctor who delivered Thayer's illegitimate child. In view of this fact, and bearing in mind that the information regarding Thayer being the father of an illegitimate child was furnished to us confidentially, as described above, no information regarding Thayer's connection with [] was included in the Loyalty reports.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information.

✓

1 21 17249 43 ..

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
United States Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE February 20, 1950

Mr. Tolson
Mr. A. J. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

PURPOSE: 1 21 17249 44

To furnish in accordance with your request events in chronological order leading up to the investigation of Thayer under Executive Order 9835, which, you will recall, was signed by President Truman on March 21, 1947, and the funds were appropriated in August, 1947.

BACKGROUND: On January 26, 1949, Mr. Glavin made available a Joint Report dated January 13, 1949 of the Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Investigations Subcommittee of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department relating to a series of hearings on the activities of the Voice of America. It was noted on page 8 of the report concerning the operations of the International Broadcasting Division, the following comments concerning the Bureau: "This requirement of Public Law 402 that all employees have a FBI investigation understandably resulted in a slowing up of the recruiting and processing of employees....". Mr. Tolson noted "Ladd - what are the facts?" and you requested "Yes let me know. We ought to nail this if it is incorrect. H"

On January 28, 1949, you were advised of the situation concerning the Voice of America Program and it was pointed out that from the very inception of the Voice of America program it had been apparent that the Bureau's position had not met with the approval of Charles W. Thayer, Head of the International Broadcasting Division of the State Department. It was further pointed out that an investigation of Thayer had never been requested, however information relating to Thayer's character was obtained during the Voice of America investigation of [redacted]. The State Department confidentially advised that the State Department had made inquiries of [redacted] concerning her pregnancy and had been told by Thayer himself, that he was the father of [redacted] illegitimate child.

On February 2, 1949, you were advised that Assistant Secretary of State Peurifoy had stated that he did not know why the FBI had not been requested to investigate Thayer but that he would look into the matter.

On February 9, 1949, you were advised that Thayer had never been investigated under the Voice of America Program because the State Department considered him exempt. Further that a Loyalty Form had never been submitted by the State Department for Thayer, but that one would be submitted in the near future. You noted on the above memo "As regards Thayer, proceed with a Security investigation. We have enough without loyalty form receipt to warrant a thorough investigation of him. H."

RECORDED: 617

MAR 20 1950

~~SECRET~~

31 APR 22 1950
2-23-50

511601
CLASSIFIED BY 45 for 60267-AAC
DEC 20 1963

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/2/95 BY SP6 JSC/STP
Per State

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On February 18, 1949, a Security Matter-C investigation was initiated.

On March 24, 1949, a Loyalty form was received in Bureau for Charles Wheeler Thayer. It is noted in this connection that the Loyalty program got under way in approximately September 1947, subsequent to appropriation of funds in August 1947.

On April 27, 1949, you were advised that the Security investigation was completed and it was developed that Thayer served with the OSS during World War II and associated with and supported the Communist elements in the OSS. He was allegedly pro-Tito. He is a patient of [redacted] New York City, who served as the doctor for various officials of Russian agencies in the United States such as the Russian Consulate, New York City and Amtorg Trading Corporation. It was also discreetly ascertained that Thayer is undoubtedly a homosexual. This was obtained from a State Department investigator on a very confidential basis. Thayer is the brother-in-law of Charles "Chip" Bohlen, of the State Department. According to a State Department employee, who furnished information on a very confidential basis, Bohlen went to Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett complaining of the State Department investigation of Thayer based on his homosexual proclivities. Lovett allegedly gave instructions to cease the investigation of Thayer. The Security investigation further developed that Thayer was being transferred to a post in the United States Embassy in Greece sometime in August or September 1949. It was suggested that a Loyalty investigation be opened and you noted "Yes, H".

On April 29, 1949, a Loyalty investigation was opened.

On June 21, 1949, the reports reflecting the results of the Loyalty investigation were sent to Civil Service Commission and the Department.

On February 16, 1950, a disposition was received from the Loyalty Review Board, dated February 14, 1950, advising that Thayer had been declared "eligible on loyalty".

121 17249-44

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 23, 1950

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
 Chief
 International Broadcasting Division
 U. S. Department of State
 New York, New York
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

PURPOSE:

Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 20, 1950, captioned, "Employees of the Department of State Concerning Whom the Bureau Conducts Investigations," attaching a memorandum on Thayer. You noted, "I want short summary of results of our investigation of Thayer which we sent to CSC."

BACKGROUND:

On April 29, 1949 a loyalty investigation was instituted concerning Charles Wheeler Thayer based on information received from Washington [redacted] (Security Division, State Department) indicating that while Thayer was stationed at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with the Office of Strategic Services he was very friendly with the Russians and exhibited pro-Titoism and opposition to General Mihailovich.

Washington [redacted] advised that he knew Thayer in Belgrade in 1944 and that Thayer was guilty of reporting false information regarding Tito to Washington. He played up Tito and suppressed facts regarding Tito's desire of forming a Balkan Confederacy. Further, the informant advised that Thayer had several Communists on his staff, the names of which informant could not recall.

Belgrade, advised that Thayer publicly showered too much of his attention at various receptions in Belgrade on Tito.

[redacted] at the American Embassy in Belgrade, advised that while Thayer was connected with OSS he had been contacted by American citizens residing in Yugoslavia who requested economic help and who had received the "brush-off" when the American citizens indicated they were critical of the Communists and the intervention of the Soviet Government in Yugoslavia. [redacted] advised he questioned Thayer concerning his refusal to help these Americans and Thayer dismissed the matter with a statement to the effect, "Oh, they are nothing but Nazi collaborators." In addition, [redacted] advised Thayer expressed pro-Tito

EFM:hsb

RECORDED - 67

MAR 2 1950

52 APR 22 1950

HBF

b6
b7C
b7D

Sentiments in political economic discussions and never once criticized the methods used by the Communists, either Russian or Yugoslav. [redacted] concluded by stating that he did not think Thayer was a good security risk because of his collaboration with the Communists and because of information which he received indicating that Thayer, while in Yugoslavia, engaged in black market operations.

Per State

New York [redacted] recalls one occasion when the employee had been instructed not to hire an individual by the name of [redacted] advised that he

However, Thayer employed [redacted] in connection with the VOA Program. Informant advised that he believes that if the employee were faced with the issue as to choosing between the security of the United States and the advancement of his own interests he would be loyal; however, he feared that because of the employee's lack of maturity he might fail to recognize the issue and consequently would harm the United States.

b7C
b7D

[redacted] considers Thayer pro-Soviet, however, because of his dealings concerning the VOA programs.

From a confidential source in the State Department, information was received indicating that Thayer was a homosexual. It will be further noted that Thayer was transferred from his post as head of the International Broadcasting Division (Voice of America) in New York City in August or September, 1949, to accept a post in the United States Embassy in Greece.

On June 21, 1949 the reports reflecting the results of the loyalty investigation were sent to the Civil Service Commission and to the Department.

On February 16, 1950, a disposition was received from the Loyalty Review Board dated February 14, 1950, advising that Thayer had been declared "eligible on loyalty."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information purposes only.

124 17200 45

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
INVESTIGATION OF PERSONNEL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE *5/10/01* BY *300032020/jardj*

DATE: February 23, 1950

PURPOSE

To advise you, pursuant to your request, concerning the date when the State Department started sending loyalty forms to the Bureau; further, to furnish you with information relative to investigations made by the State Department of its own personnel.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

BACKGROUND

Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 20, 1950, entitled "Employees of the Department of State concerning whom the Bureau conducts investigations," to which was attached a memorandum concerning the receipt of the Loyalty Form on Charles Wheeler Thayer and the chronological order leading up to the investigation of Thayer under Executive Order 9835. You noted;

- "1. This still doesn't tell me when State Dept. started sending Loyalty forms.
- "2. I want short summary of results of our investigation of Thayer which we sent to CSC."

Charles Wheeler 21 17249 46

Attached hereto is a summary memorandum dated February 23, 1950, setting forth the results of the Thayer investigation which were transmitted to the Civil Service Commission and to the Department.

Regarding loyalty forms submitted by the Department of State, as you will recall, the Loyalty Order (E. O. 9835) was signed by President Truman on March 21, 1947; however, the allocation of funds for the carrying out of this program was not made until August of 1947. The Bureau started receiving some loyalty forms in September of 1947. According to the Records Section, the first group of loyalty forms received from the State Department was on September 10, 1947, at which time 47 forms were received. Again, on September 15, 1947, 47 more forms were received. Thereafter various amounts of forms were received at intervals, it being noted that on October 21, 1947, the Bureau received 1,120 forms from the Department of State. It is to be noted that such forms are received on employees throughout the world and at the present time we are still receiving loyalty forms from the Department of State, many of which are on Foreign Service personnel. The records indicate we received 47 forms on February 14, 1950, and as you may recall, as of February 20, 1950, we had processed 17,850 names, representing applicants, appointees and employees of the State Department.

With further reference to the Department of State, on my memorandum dated February 18, 1950, which is attached, in connection with a notation by Assistant Director Nichols regarding the State Department making its own applicant investigations, you noted: "What does this mean? Just who does the State Department investigate?"

RECORDED

112-17249-46

RECEIVED

MAR 2 1950

Attachment
CHS:lhz:zg

3 APR 19 1950

*He was
t. Supr*

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

For your information, [Redacted] in the office of [Redacted] at the Department of State has advised the Bureau that the State Department conducts pre-appointment investigations of all applicants for positions in the Department of State, except those applicants coming within the purview of Public Law 402, 80th Congress (Voice of America Program) and cases coming under ECA and Greek-Turkey Aid Programs. As to employees, the State Department advised they only conduct misconduct investigations such as allegations regarding homosexuals and administrative matters where no question of loyalty is involved. Where a question of loyalty enters the picture, [Redacted] states they refer the case to the Bureau.

b7C

ACTION

None. This is for your information.

121 17249 46

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Director, FBI

March 31, 1950

CHARLES W. THAYER
Department of State
Loyalty - Government Employee

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

7/2/85 SP6 bja/ty

I thought you would be interested in knowing that at the time an official of the Bureau contacted Senator Joseph McCarthy for the purpose of obtaining material which he stated he possessed in connection with his current allegations against the State Department, Senator McCarthy advised that next week he intended to call on the State Department to fire Charles W. Thayer. He stated he did not intend to call Thayer by name, and indicated in his opinion "Thayer is one of the worst types of degenerates."

Senator McCarthy furnished no further information and, of course, the Bureau representative made no comment to Senator McCarthy with reference to this matter.

You will recall that copies of the reports reflecting the results of the loyalty investigation on Mr. Thayer were furnished to the Department on June 21, 1949.

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

E B I

121 17249-48

Mr. Peyton Ford,
The Assistant to the Attorney General

MAR 31 2 08 PM '50

MAR 31 5 30 PM '50

RECEIVED-101200
E B I

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

E B I

RECEIVED-DIRECTOR MAR 3 1950

DML:CSH

MAR 31 1950
COMM - FBI

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: CHARLES W. THAYER
Department of State
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: April 4, 1950

Tolson _____

Ladd _____

Clegg _____

Glavin _____

Nichols _____

Tracy _____

Harbo _____

Isler _____

Tele. Room _____

Holmes _____

Gandy _____

PURPOSE:

Clear transmittal Security reports re Thayer to Department in view WFO request not be disseminated.

BACKGROUND:

WFO recommended Security report not be disseminated because confidential manner obtained, might result extreme embarrassment confidential sources, principally [redacted] State Department, who furnished information re Thayer fathering illegitimate child, and possible embarrassment Bureau. Ladd memorandum to Director 4/27/49 recommended no dissemination because jeopardizes valuable [redacted] contact and because State Department possessed information. Reports not previously disseminated. [redacted] WFO report. McCarthy stated intended call on State Department this week re Thayer. AG advised 3/31/50. McInerney memorandum 4/3/50 listed Loyalty reports received, asked any others available be furnished expeditiously as possible.

STATUS:

Brief re Thayer in preparation for AG.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval attached memorandum forwarding reports in view McInerney's specific request. Deliver by hand.

Enclosure

JDP:knh:iwt

RECORDED - 99

APR 7 1950

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 100-11

318
58 APR 19 1950

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/16/87 BY 39063-10/afp/ly

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 4/5 1950
Extension

To: ☒ Director
☒ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Clegg
☐ Mr. Glavin
☐ Mr. Ladd
☐ Mr. Nichols
☐ Mr. Rosen
☐ Mr. Tracy
☐ Mr. Harbo
☐ Mr. Mohr
☐ Mr. Belmont
☐ Mr. Hennrich
☐ Mr. Laughlin
☐ Mr. Hargett
☐ Mr. Nease
☐ Mr. Jones
☐ Miss Gandy
☐ Miss Chamberlain

Mr. Tolson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Ladd	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Glavin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rosen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tracy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Harbo	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Belmont	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Mohr	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tele. Room	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

b2
b7C

121 17249 49
Room

Please call me Per conversation

NOTE PAGE 2 OF
MEMO TO DEPARTMENT

April 25, 1950

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

11/1

The Department of Justice is in possession of copies of all investigative reports submitted during the course of two investigations conducted by this Bureau concerning Thayer during 1949, one a security type investigation and the other a loyalty investigation. However, in view of the statement made by Senator McCarthy, I thought you would be interested in a summary of the information appearing in the Bureau files concerning Thayer. Accordingly, there is forwarded herewith such a summary prepared under date of April 24, 1950.

This summary, you will note, contains allegations unfavorable to the moral conduct of Thayer and several other individuals who are identified therein. It is my belief that dissemination of this information would jeopardize the position of various informants from whom information has been received and result in the embarrassment of other individuals referred to in connection with the allegations. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the material in the attached summary should be held in strict confidence.

Know No More

JDP:mbf v

ENCLOSURE BRANCO FILE

RECORDED 558

(MAIL ROOM REQUESTED TO HAVE
DELIVERED IN SEALED ENVELOPE)

INDEXED 56

1121-17249-50

7-1000 _____
 7-1001 _____
 7-1002 _____
 7-1003 _____
 7-1004 _____
 7-1005 _____
 7-1006 _____
 7-1007 _____
 7-1008 _____
 7-1009 _____
 7-1010 _____
 7-1011 _____
 7-1012 _____
 7-1013 _____
 7-1014 _____
 7-1015 _____
 7-1016 _____
 7-1017 _____
 7-1018 _____
 7-1019 _____
 7-1020 _____
 7-1021 _____
 7-1022 _____
 7-1023 _____
 7-1024 _____
 7-1025 _____
 7-1026 _____
 7-1027 _____
 7-1028 _____
 7-1029 _____
 7-1030 _____
 7-1031 _____
 7-1032 _____
 7-1033 _____
 7-1034 _____
 7-1035 _____
 7-1036 _____
 7-1037 _____
 7-1038 _____
 7-1039 _____
 7-1040 _____
 7-1041 _____
 7-1042 _____
 7-1043 _____
 7-1044 _____
 7-1045 _____
 7-1046 _____
 7-1047 _____
 7-1048 _____
 7-1049 _____
 7-1050 _____
 7-1051 _____
 7-1052 _____
 7-1053 _____
 7-1054 _____
 7-1055 _____
 7-1056 _____
 7-1057 _____
 7-1058 _____
 7-1059 _____
 7-1060 _____
 7-1061 _____
 7-1062 _____
 7-1063 _____
 7-1064 _____
 7-1065 _____
 7-1066 _____
 7-1067 _____
 7-1068 _____
 7-1069 _____
 7-1070 _____
 7-1071 _____
 7-1072 _____
 7-1073 _____
 7-1074 _____
 7-1075 _____
 7-1076 _____
 7-1077 _____
 7-1078 _____
 7-1079 _____
 7-1080 _____
 7-1081 _____
 7-1082 _____
 7-1083 _____
 7-1084 _____
 7-1085 _____
 7-1086 _____
 7-1087 _____
 7-1088 _____
 7-1089 _____
 7-1090 _____
 7-1091 _____
 7-1092 _____
 7-1093 _____
 7-1094 _____
 7-1095 _____
 7-1096 _____
 7-1097 _____
 7-1098 _____
 7-1099 _____
 7-1100 _____
 7-1101 _____
 7-1102 _____
 7-1103 _____
 7-1104 _____
 7-1105 _____
 7-1106 _____
 7-1107 _____
 7-1108 _____
 7-1109 _____
 7-1110 _____
 7-1111 _____
 7-1112 _____
 7-1113 _____
 7-1114 _____
 7-1115 _____
 7-1116 _____
 7-1117 _____
 7-1118 _____
 7-1119 _____
 7-1120 _____
 7-1121 _____
 7-1122 _____
 7-1123 _____
 7-1124 _____
 7-1125 _____
 7-1126 _____
 7-1127 _____
 7-1128 _____
 7-1129 _____
 7-1130 _____
 7-1131 _____
 7-1132 _____
 7-1133 _____
 7-1134 _____
 7-1135 _____
 7-1136 _____
 7-1137 _____
 7-1138 _____
 7-1139 _____
 7-1140 _____
 7-1141 _____
 7-1142 _____
 7-1143 _____
 7-1144 _____
 7-1145 _____
 7-1146 _____
 7-1147 _____
 7-1148 _____
 7-1149 _____
 7-1150 _____
 7-1151 _____
 7-1152 _____
 7-1153 _____
 7-1154 _____
 7-1155 _____
 7-1156 _____
 7-1157 _____
 7-1158 _____
 7-1159 _____
 7-1160 _____
 7-1161 _____
 7-1162 _____
 7-1163 _____
 7-1164 _____
 7-1165 _____
 7-1166 _____
 7-1167 _____
 7-1168 _____
 7-1169 _____
 7-1170 _____
 7-1171 _____
 7-1172 _____
 7-1173 _____
 7-1174 _____
 7-1175 _____
 7-1176 _____
 7-1177 _____
 7-1178 _____
 7-1179 _____
 7-1180 _____
 7-1181 _____
 7-1182 _____
 7-1183 _____
 7-1184 _____
 7-1185 _____
 7-1186 _____
 7-1187 _____
 7-1188 _____
 7-1189 _____
 7-1190 _____
 7-1191 _____
 7-1192 _____
 7-1193 _____
 7-1194 _____
 7-1195 _____
 7-1196 _____
 7-1197 _____
 7-1198 _____
 7-1199 _____
 7-1200 _____
 7-1201 _____
 7-1202 _____
 7-1203 _____
 7-1204 _____
 7-1205 _____
 7-1206 _____
 7-1207 _____
 7-1208 _____
 7-1209 _____
 7-1210 _____
 7-1211 _____
 7-1212 _____
 7-1213 _____
 7-1214 _____
 7-1215 _____
 7-1216 _____
 7-1217 _____
 7-1218 _____
 7-1219 _____
 7-1220 _____
 7-1221 _____
 7-1222 _____
 7-1223 _____
 7-1224 _____
 7-1225 _____
 7-1226 _____
 7-1227 _____
 7-1228 _____
 7-1229 _____
 7-1230 _____
 7-1231 _____
 7-1232 _____
 7-1233 _____
 7-1234 _____
 7-1235 _____
 7-1236 _____
 7-1237 _____
 7-1238 _____
 7-1239 _____
 7-1240 _____
 7-1241 _____
 7-1242 _____
 7-1243 _____
 7-1244 _____
 7-1245 _____
 7-1246 _____
 7-1247 _____
 7-1248 _____
 7-1249 _____
 7-1250 _____
 7-1251 _____
 7-1252 _____
 7-1253 _____
 7-1254 _____
 7-1255 _____
 7-1256 _____
 7-1257 _____
 7-1258 _____
 7-1259 _____
 7-1260 _____
 7-1261 _____
 7-1262 _____
 7-1263 _____
 7-1264 _____
 7-1265 _____
 7-1266 _____
 7-1267 _____
 7-1268 _____
 7-1269 _____
 7-1270 _____
 7-1271 _____
 7-1272 _____
 7-1273 _____
 7-1274 _____
 7-1275 _____
 7-1276 _____
 7-1277 _____
 7-1278 _____
 7-1279 _____
 7-1280 _____
 7-1281 _____
 7-1282 _____
 7-1283 _____
 7-1284 _____
 7-1285 _____
 7-1286 _____
 7-1287 _____
 7-1288 _____
 7-1289 _____
 7-1290 _____
 7-1291 _____
 7-1292 _____
 7-1293 _____
 7-1294 _____
 7-1295 _____
 7-1296 _____
 7-1297 _____
 7-1298 _____
 7-1299 _____
 7-1300 _____
 7-1301 _____
 7-1302 _____
 7-1303 _____
 7-1304 _____
 7-1305 _____
 7-1306 _____
 7-1307 _____
 7-1308 _____
 7-1309 _____
 7-1310 _____
 7-1311 _____
 7-1312 _____
 7-1313 _____
 7-1314 _____

MAILED
APR 28 1950

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FBI

RECEIVED-MAIL ROOM
FBI
JAN 10 1968

2008 2008

O.G. Office Closed on 6/15/68. 145 7/22/68

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : [REDACTED] Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Charles W. Thayer
Department of State
Loyalty of Government Employees

DATE: April 3, 1950

MM: WEF:md

146-200-3784

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Tolson ☒

Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒

Mr. Clegg ☒

Mr. Glavin ☒

Mr. Ladd ☒

Mr. Nichols ☒

Mr. Rosen ☒

Mr. Tracy ☒

Mr. Harbo ☒

Mr. Belmont ☒

Mr. Mohr ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Mr. Nease ☒

Miss Gandy ☒

Reference is made to your memorandum to the Attorney General of March 31, 1950, captioned as above.

A review of reports furnished to the Division of Records indicates that the following reports have been received from the Bureau regarding the subject:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 27, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 8, 1949 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 25, 1949 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 26, 1949 at Norfolk, Virginia.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 26, 1949 at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 26, 1949 at Cleveland, Ohio.

It is requested that if any additional reports are available they be furnished to the Division as expeditiously as possible.

121 17249 51

RECORDED

APR 19 1950

53 MAY 4 1950

CONFIDENTIAL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*
 FROM : C. H. Stanley
 SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE April 11, 1950

Tolson _____
 Ladd _____
 Clegg _____
 Glavin _____
 Nichols _____
 Rosen _____
 Tracy _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Nease _____
 Gandy _____

In connection with the preparation of a summary on Thayer four specific questions have arisen, the answers to which are desired through Liaison channels:

1. Thayer is reportedly the brother-in-law of Charles E. Bohlen. What is the present position, if any, of Bohlen in the State Department? If not employed, what was the title of his last position?

2. [Redacted]

3. Thayer was formerly married to Maria Petrucci. He has reportedly been engaged to the daughter (name not listed) of Ambassador James C. Dunn. Has he married her?

4. Thayer reportedly sent a message to the State or War Department, approximate date not given, requesting he be allowed to give a decoration to Tito. However, the State and War Departments responded that no such decoration should be given. What are facts, if available, from State Department?

RECOMMENDATION:

That answers to the above questions be sought immediately through Liaison channels. *The reply on Thayer is being held until these answers are received.*

Answers: - 1. Bohlen is now Minister of the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

2. [Redacted]

3. *Yes. March 27, 1950*
 4. *State can not identify such a matter from the limited information we have given.*
4/14/50

53 MAY 4 1950

JDP:kmh

b7C

5/16/81
11/5/80
11/4/80
11/9/80
ASST. ATTY. GEN. RAL
JAMES M. McINERNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION
DIRECTOR, FBI

April 4, 1950

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

CONFIDENTIAL

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 3, 1950 requesting that any additional available reports concerning Thayer not listed in your communication be forwarded as expeditiously as possible.

Attached hereto is a copy of each of the following letters and reports reflecting results of foreign inquiries during the course of investigation of Thayer under the President's Loyalty Program:

Letter dated June 7, 1949 received from American Embassy, Moscow, Russia.
Report dated June 8, 1949 and letter dated June 10, 1949 received from American Embassy, Mexico City.
Letter dated June 14, 1949 received from American Embassy, Athens, Greece.
Letter dated July 11, 1949 received from American Embassy, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.
Letter dated July 14, 1949 received from American Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan.
Report dated October 13, 1949 received from American Embassy, London, England.

In addition there is forwarded herewith a copy of each of the following reports in an investigation entitled "Charles Wheeler Thayer, Security Matter-C":

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 1, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 18, 1949 at New York, New York.

You will note the report of Special Agent [redacted] contains information received from various confidential informants, some of which relates to moral conduct. It is requested that this information be treated in the very strictest confidence.

Enclosure

Tolson
Ladd
Clegg
Glavin
Nichols
Tracy
Harbo
Mohr
Tele. Rm.
Holloman
Gandy

JDP:kmh:stt

121-12249-1
MAY 4 1950

ORIGINAL COPIES FILED IN 100-360032-11

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

DATE: April 24, 1950

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
 Chief, International Broadcasting Division
 Department of State
 New York, New York
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Tolson ☒
 Ladd ☐
 Clegg ☐
 Glavin ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Rosen ☐
 Tracy ☐
 Harbo ☐
 Mohr ☐
 Tele. Room ☐
 Nease ☐
 Gandy ☐

PURPOSE:

To furnish the Attorney General a summary of information in the Bureau's files on Thayer.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 5/16/01 BY 37063 elw/jan/dj

BACKGROUND:

Loyalty and security investigations were conducted in 1949 relative to Thayer. Copies of all reports submitted have been furnished to the Department. In the security matter investigation particularly, considerable information was reported concerning the alleged immoral conduct of Thayer. The Attorney General was advised under date of March 31, 1950, that Senator McCarthy had termed Thayer "one of the worst types of degenerates" and expressed the intention of calling upon the State Department to fire Thayer.

STATUS:

In view of this situation and in response to my request, a summary has been prepared in the Loyalty Section of information in the Bureau's files concerning Thayer.

This summary contains allegations of homosexuality on the part of Thayer. In view of this, it is felt desirable to point out to the Attorney General in transmitting this summary, if you approve, that the information contained therein should not be disseminated.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this summary be furnished to the Attorney General by means of the attached memorandum.

It is to be particularly noted that Pages 34 and 35 of the yellow and all tickler copies of this summary contain information which it is felt should not be set forth in the summary itself or otherwise disseminated.

Attachment

JDP:mbf

57 MAY 10 1950

RECORDED - 37

MAY 21 1950

SM-C
For your information copies of the reports in the investigation
entitled "Charles Wheeler Thayer"

b7D

121 17249

SAC, New York

April 20, 1950

Director, FBI

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
STATE
LGE

Re: p SA [redacted] June 8, 1949, at New York, your file 121-7043, and New York let to the Bureau February 21, 1947, captioned, "American Russian Institute, Internal Security - R, Registration Act," your file 97-210.

[redacted]

(61-6211-573)

[redacted]

Dated April 26 next.

2/11/52 390630 w/p [unclear] 6-27-54

JDP:hsb:mbf mlf

121 121 54
7/2/85 5066 galtay
y4 [unclear]

RECORDED - 68 121-17249-54
164 [unclear] [unclear]

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

MAILED 10
APR 20 1950
[unclear]

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE April 26, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
 Chief
 International Broadcasting Division
 Department of State
 New York, New York
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Rebulet dated April 20, 1950.

Attached herewith are seven copies of the report of SA [redacted]
 dated April 26, 1950 at New York.

The indices of this office contain no further reference to the
 matter set forth in the above report.

New York File #97-210, entitled "AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R; REGISTRATION ACT," was reviewed for additional
 information during the pertinent period of 1947; however, no other
 information was located.

Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated July
 26, 1949 in the case entitled [redacted]

Inasmuch as it is not known by this office whether or not the
 Bureau utilized the information pertaining to THAYER, which is contained
 in this letter, no mention was made of it in the attached report.

Encls. (7)

121 17249 55

EX-125

RECORDED - 82

MAY 18 1950

RECEIVED

WHB:MTM
121-7043

FBI NEW YORK 16 1201 2

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

NY FILE NO **121-7043**

MTM

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/26/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/25, 26/50	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, Chief, International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, New York, New York			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Handwritten notes:
 5/18/01
 420032101-119
 (u)
 2/11/62 390032101-119
 121 18 48 55

Handwritten notes:
 -- RUC --
 121 18 48 55
 121 18 48 55

REFERENCE

Report of SA New York, 6/8/49.
 Bureau letter, 4/20/50.

Handwritten notes:
 HCC to CSC
 1cc to Dept

Handwritten notes:
 photo
 AGENCY and Army
 REQ. REC 3-12-49
 REP'T 13-21-49
 BY WLP

Handwritten notes:
 Photo Amend
 050
 10-29-62
 FILED 2 1962
 BY WLP

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Edward Schmitt</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 7 - Bureau 1 - New York		ENCLOSURE	121-17249-55
		MAY 1950	
		RECORDED - 82 INDEXED - 82	EX-125

b7C
b7D

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

2/11/02 39063 dwd/gkf
April 26, 1950
New York, New York

7/2/85 596 bja/tey
CLASSIFIED BY 596 bja/tey
DATE 7/2/85

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

The American Russian Institute has been declared
by the Attorney General to be an organization coming within the purview
of Executive Order #9835.

1 21 17249 55

NY #121-7043

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

b2 The following is the Confidential Informant mentioned in the report
b7C of SA [redacted] dated [redacted] (u)
b7D Confidential Informant [redacted] [redacted] as set forth in [redacted]
[redacted] letter to the Bureau dated [redacted]
[redacted]

121 17249 55

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

121 17249-55

Report of: Special Agent [REDACTED]
Dated: April 26, 1950, at New York,
New York.

b7C

121-17249-55

This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned. This is the result of an FBI investigation and is not to be considered as a clearance.

MAY 5 1950

Assistant Attorney General
James M. McInerney
Director, FBI

Attention:

Division of Records

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

b7C

Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 21, 1949, transmitting results of an investigation concerning the above-named individual under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

Forwarded herewith is one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated April 26, 1950, at New York, New York, setting forth additional information received by this Bureau.

7/2/95 sp6 bja/ty.

121 17249 56

RECORDED - 95

EX-3

121-17249-56
MAY 10 1950

Enclosure
Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

JDP:kab
121-17249

MAILED 12
MAY 8 1950

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FBI
RECEIVED-10120H
MAY 2 5 53 PM '50

Date: MAY 5 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

7/2/45 *spk bja/tcy*

Reference is made to my letter dated June 21, 1949, transmitting results of an investigation concerning the above-named individual under the provisions of Executive Order 9835:

Forwarded herewith are four copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 28, 1950, at New York, New York, setting forth additional information received by this Bureau.

b7C

Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate disposition made of this case.

21 17249-57

RECORDED - 95

111-17249-57

EX-3
FBI
RECEIVED-1020M
MAY 2 1950

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

Enclosure

JDP:hsb
121-17249

MAY 8 1950
COMM-FBI

124
53 MIA

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

DECLASSIFIED BY *50603/Hcy*
ON *7/2/95*
per Army letter dtd 4/29/96

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

RECORDED - 14 *121-17249-58*

EX-124

DATE: May 11, 1950

TO: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

FROM: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

121 17249 58

Reference is made to my letters of June 21, 1949, and May 5, 1950, transmitting the reports which reflect the results of the investigation concerning the above-named individual conducted by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, at which time you were advised that the Department of the Army had been requested to conduct an investigation abroad concerning the employee.

There are attached herewith four copies of a letter dated April 3, 1950, prepared by the Office of the United States High Commissioner for Germany, reflecting the results of the investigation conducted by the Department of the Army.

This concludes the investigation to be conducted in this

case.

Enclosure

RHE:hmm

BY SFL:MSGR
MAY 12 1950
COMM-FBI

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Nichols _____
- Rosen _____
- Tracy _____
- Harbo _____
- Mohr _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Nease _____
- Gandy _____

518
753
MAY 26 1950

U 2 DESK DE 102100
I
RECEIVED
MAY 12 1950
MAY 12 1950

Handwritten signatures and initials

Assistant Attorney General
James M. McInerney

May 11, 1950

Director, FBI

CONFIDENTIAL

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my memoranda of June 21, 1949, and May 5, 1950, transmitting the reports which reflect the results of the investigation concerning the above-named individual conducted by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, at which time you were advised that the Department of the Army had been requested to conduct an investigation abroad concerning the employee.

There is attached herewith one copy of a letter dated April 3, 1950, prepared by the Office of the United States High Commissioner for Germany, reflecting the results of the investigation conducted by the Department of the Army.

This concludes the investigation to be conducted in this case.

enclosure

121 17249 59

RHE:hum

RECORDED - 14

EX-124

MAY 17 1950

34

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

MAILED 16
MAY 11 1950
COMM - FBI

RECEIVED-TOLSON
FBI
DEPT OF JUSTICE
MAY 11 1 30 PM '50

Assistant Attorney General
James M. McInerney
Director, FBI

June 21, 1950

CONFIDENTIAL

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief
International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Transmitted herewith for the completion of your file and for any action you deem appropriate is a copy of a self explanatory letter transmitted to Mr. James E. Hatcher, Chief, Investigations Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., dated June 21, 1950, regarding Charles Wheeler Thayer.

Enclosure

JDP:hmm

7/2/85 SPlebaltay

1 21 17249 61

RECEIVED - DIRECTOR
F B I
U S DEPT. OF JUSTICE
JUN 22 9 15 AM '50
RECEIVED - CIVIL SERVICE
JUN 22 1950

F B I
RECEIVED - JUN 22 1950
COMM - d

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

RECORDED - 38

JUN 27 1950

Bub
Vt
aCh
Z

Bh

121-17249-61

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

DATE: June 21, 1950

TO: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

FROM: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

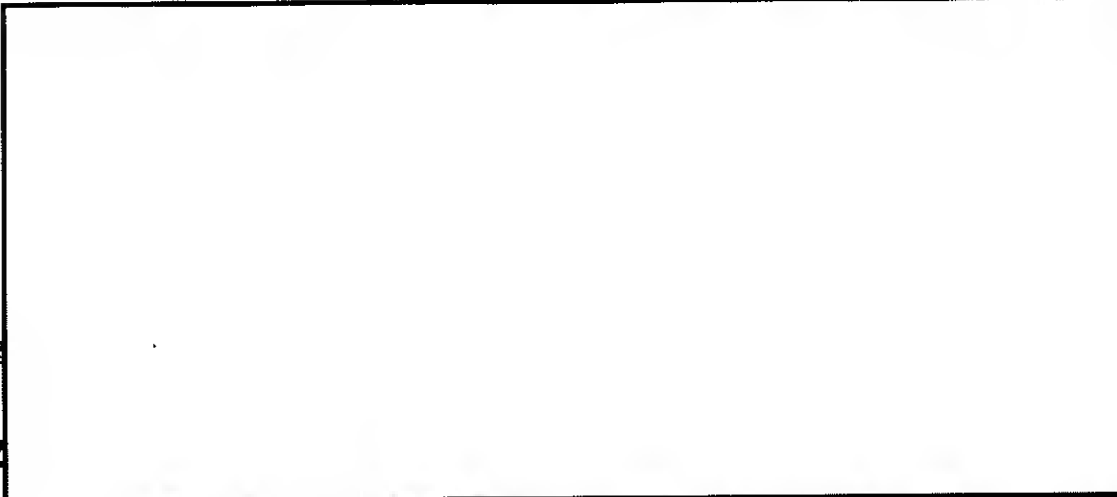
SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
Chief, International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
New York, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

b3 Title 5 USC Sec. 551

121 17049 62

Reference is made to my letters of June 21, 1949, May 5, 1950, and May 11, 1950, transmitting the results of investigation conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 relative to Charles Wheeler Thayer.

Information has been received that reference was made to Thayer on March 21, 1950, before the subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as follows:



Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

No action is being taken with regard to the foregoing in the absence of a specific request.

JDP:hmm

RECORDED 38

(Above quoted testimony was in Executive Session. However, dissemination recommended. Quoted from Volume 6, Page 33, Transcript of Testimony of 3/21/50 before above committee, original of which transcript in office of Mr. Gregg.)

cc: Asst. Attorney General, James M. McInerney - Sent as enclosure for let to McInerney same caption dated 6/21/50.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *[initials]*
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT *[initials]*
 SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

DATE March 24, 1953

Tolson ☒
 Ladd ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Clegg ☒
 Glavin ☒
 Harbo ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tracy ☒
 Egan ☒
 Gurnea ☒
 Harbo ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Pennington ☒
 Quinn ☒
 Nease ☒
 Gandy ☒

5/1/54
sp6 b7c b7d
5/1/54
 On March 23, 1953, John Ford, Director of Security Department of State, confidentially advised [redacted] of the Liaison Section that at noon of that date Thayer had submitted his resignation and it was his understanding it would be accepted. He said that in view of the current Congressional hearings, no publicity would be given to Thayer's resignation; that he would be allowed to remain on the rolls for approximately a month, at which time he would leave quietly.

Ford advised that the summary memorandum furnished on Thayer in the recent past was of considerable help to his office in forcing the issue with Thayer and he wanted the Director to know of this.

[redacted]

ACTION:

None. For your information.
 Attachment

JLQ:lao

211102

39062610/20/54

1 21 17 49 53

4119533

RECORDED-6721-17249-63

MAR 26 1953

12

56 APR 10 1953

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 100-12189-1411

CONFIDENTIAL EYES ONLY

b1
b3
b6

Thayer:

~~5/18/02 37063elwgs/dj~~

121 17249 63 17

COPI

2/11/02 37063elwgs/dj

ENCLOSURE

121-17249-63

b1
b3
b6

121 17249 63 -

CONFIDENTIAL EYES ONLY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE February 24, 1953

SUBJECT VOICE OF AMERICA REQUESTS FROM
SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

William Rogers called me this morning and stated that he had just been reading our memoranda on Charles Wheeler Thayer and particularly a memorandum which we proposed to give to the McCarthy Committee. Rogers stated that he would hate to have Secretary Dulles think that we were feeding material to the Committee without his first being tipped off.

I reminded Rogers that in each instance, pursuant to our agreement, material was sent to him in advance of giving it to the Committee; that, as a matter of fact, the Thayer material had not as yet been given to the Committee. He, therefore, suggested that we hold up on giving the Thayer material to the Committee at this time. He further stated that he had read several of the memoranda which we had sent down, which primarily referred the Committee to public source material, to which there could be no objection, but that in the Thayer case there was considerable investigation by the Bureau; that Thayer was no good; that he believed Dulles would get rid of him in a hurry if he knew about it. I told Rogers that all the derogatory information which we had had heretofore been furnished to the State Department or was available to the State Department from their own investigation.

Rogers then asked the question whether it would not be desirable to furnish Dulles with copies of the memoranda which we had furnished the McCarthy Committee. I told Bill that in arriving at this decision he should consider what the effect would be if a memorandum got out of Dulles' possession and got into the hands of the holdovers at the State Department who were protecting people like Thayer. He stated he thoroughly agreed with this as he had not thought of it and that the thing to do would be to send a memorandum to Dulles furnishing him with the names of the individuals whom we knew the Senate Investigating Committee is checking on as a result of their inquiries to the Bureau. He then asked if we would prepare such a memorandum for his signature. I told him we of course could do this if he desired.

I told Rogers that in the instances wherein we had furnished the Committee no information we were not bothering to write memoranda to him, in line with our previous conversation. He stated that this was perfectly satisfactory. We are, accordingly,

Attachment *sent*

cc: Mr. Ladd 441

cc: Mr. Belmont 1057

LBN:hmc

RECORDED - 2

171-17249-64
12 FEB 12 1953

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

February 24, 1953

not furnishing the Thayer material to Roy Cohn, Chief Counsel of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Senate Committee on Government Operations (McCarthy Committee). Should Cohn follow up on this and ask for this later, we will then ask Rogers for his views.

mit
100
m

no. If Cohn asks tell him
to take it up with Rogers
as we are awaiting clearance
from him.

121 17243 64

State Department
Personnel Channels
1-53

March 6, 1953

SECRET

0
CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

Dear Mr. Thayer:

The Department has reviewed the pertinent facts in the personnel and security files concerning you, and I hereby inform you, under authority delegated to me by the Secretary of State, that it has been concluded that proceedings should be instituted to separate you from the Foreign Service on charges of misconduct pertaining to morality. I believe you are fully aware of the information that has been found in the Department's investigations.

You will, of course, be entitled to a hearing under Section 638 of the Foreign Service Act, but you may, if you wish, waive this procedure and resign. If you elect to resign, a travel authorization will be sent to you promptly. Please telegraph your decision within 48 hours of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

121-17249-65

Donald S. Lourie
Under Secretary for Administration

RECORDED-57

121-17249-65

RECORDED
MAY 28 1953

Charles W. Thayer, Esquire
American Consul General
Munich, Germany

618

25 JUN 1 1953

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 77-56416-1

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: March 9, 1953

FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

With reference to the request of Roy Cohn of Senator McCarthy's committee for information on Charles Wheeler Thayer, I followed up with Mr. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General, on this today. Mr. Rogers stated he had talked to Scott McLeod at the State Department, that Thayer was being fired, as of last week, and that it would be satisfactory to give the memorandum we had prepared to the McCarthy Committee.

This I will handle.

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont

LBN:MP

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-8 BY SP4 JEM/ML
206 544

121 17249 66

[Belmont file] →

RECORDED-37

121-17249-66
RECORDED
MAY 28 1953

25 JUN 10 1953

Tolson
Ladd
Nichols
Belmont
Clegg
Glavin
Harbo
Rosen
Tracy
Gandy
Mohr
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Holloman
Sisco
Miss Gandy

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 121-56416-

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 13, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER
AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL
MUNICH, GERMANY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

You will recall the many allegations, principally of morality, against Charles Wheeler Thayer, a Department of State official. Thayer is the brother-in-law of Charles E. Bohlen, Ambassador Designate to Moscow.

You will recall that Assistant to the Director Nichols obtained information recently from the Department of Justice that Thayer had been in fact fired. In this regard Mr. Scott McLeod of the Department of State informed Mr. Roach this morning (3-13-53) that a letter was sent to Thayer in Munich, Germany, dated March 6, 1953, advising him, among other things, that he is being separated from the Foreign Service on "charges of misconduct pertaining to morality."

McLeod advised that the Bureau may use the information concerning Thayer's dismissal to include in the [redacted] investigative report if we so desired.

b7C

ACTION:

This memorandum should be referred to the Investigative Division for its information.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10-1-81 BY SP4 RECORDED-37

RRR:lw

1 - Mr. Rosen

66 56 23

66 56 23

121-17249-67

25 JUN 1 1953

121-17249-67
RECORDED
MAY 26 1953
FBI

77-56416-1
COPIED COPY FILED IN

~~SECRET~~

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT Madrid, Spain	DATE WHEN MADE 2-15-54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-12-54	REPORT MADE BY <div></div>
TITLE <div></div>			CHARACTER OF CASE Espionage - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div></div> presently at U.S. Embassy, Madrid, interviewed with negative results.			
- P -			
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7/11/85 BY SP6 bga/tcy			
7/13/07 CLASSIFIED BY nls Jan-60267-AAC DECLASSIFY ON 20X 410533-1			
121 17249 - SECRET			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div></div>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 121-17249-✓	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 7 - Bureau (65-61934) 1 - Madrid		NOT RECORDED 194 MAR 3 1954 INITIALS ON ORIGINAL	

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

~~SECRET~~

b7C
b7D

ORIGINAL FILED IN 65-61134-15

~~SECRET~~

February 15, 1954

Re: [redacted]

7/11/85 SPUBGA/TCY

He is [redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] on February 12, 1954.

[redacted]

b2
b7C
b7D

[redacted] stated that he remembered none of subject's description nor subject's name or aliases. He added that there were no social affairs that he attended where persons meeting the general description of subject would attend. The entertainment was either the Russian government inviting the chief officers of the Embassy, or parties within the diplomatic corps, and when clerical employees gave parties, the only persons invited outside of fellow Embassy employees were their counterparts in other foreign embassies.

[redacted] explained that there were a considerable number of Americans who were living in Moscow who had given up their American passports and would not appear, therefore, on the "Register of American Citizens Abroad" because they had no documentation as proof of their American citizenship. Many of these persons came to Russia imbued with the Communist philosophy, and many were, like the subject, disillusioned and anxious to return to the U.S. These generally would make their appeal to the Consulate and there talk to either [redacted] both of whom worked on the desk in the Consular Section. [redacted] states, he believes presently to be in California and to have recently been separated from the State Department. When [redacted] the majority of the Moscow staff were moved to Kuybyshev, [redacted] remained in

121 17249

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Moscow, and therefore was more likely to meet many of these Americans who were still there.

[] suggested that probably the best source of information concerning the subject would be []

[] He also suggested Charles THAYER, who speaks Russian fluently and knew Russia well. He served two assignments in the USSR, from approximately 1934 to 1936 and again from approximately 1938 to 1942. He is no longer with the State Department and is living on the island of Mallorca in the Balearic Island group. [] also suggested contacting [] who he believes is presently connected with [] New York City.

b7C

b7D

- P -

121 17249 - 41E

~~SECRET~~
- 2 -

~~SECRET~~

The Madrid Office

At Palma de Mallorca, will interview Charles Thayer to determine if he has any recollection of the subject.

Identification of Sources

b2
b7C
b7D

References: Bulet 1-25-54 and the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 1-8-54 at Washington, D.C.

121 17249-11

~~SECRET~~

FEBRUARY 26, 1954

CABLEGRAM
CIPHER PAD CODE
URGENT

LEGAL ATTACHE
MADRID, SPAIN

121-17249

[] PAS., [] [] ESPIONAGE - R.
RE UR REP DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, WHICH CONTAINED
LEAD TO INTERVIEW CHARLES THAYER. BUFILES REFLECT THAYER
REQUESTED TO RESIGN AS AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL, MUNICH, GERMANY,
BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE, MARCH SIX, FIFTYTHREE, BECAUSE OF
CHARGES OF MISCONDUCT PERTAINING TO MORALITY. THAYER SUBSE-
QUENTLY RESIGNED. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING AND FACT INFO OF TYPE
THAYER MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH RE [] IS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER
SOURCES, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO INTERVIEW THAYER.

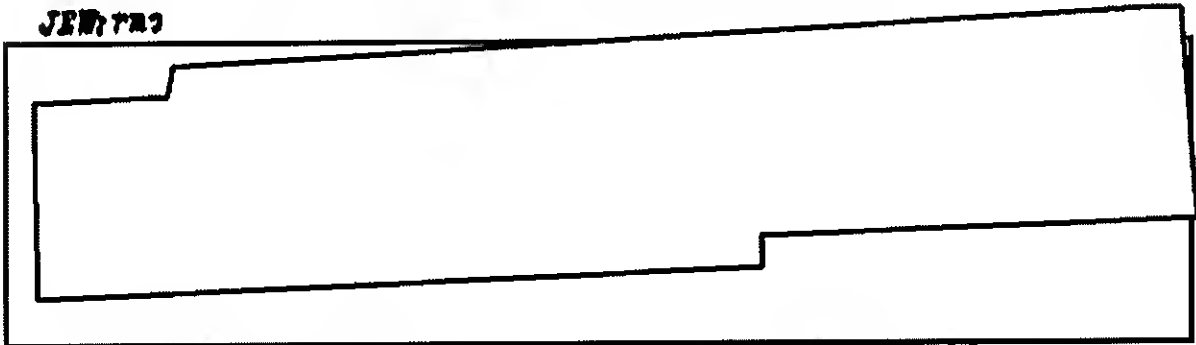
b7C

b7D

65-61934

121 17249-68 HOOPER

JEW:rm3



ORIGINAL FILED IN

121-17249
100-360033

cc - Foreign Service Desk

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Gearty _____
Mohr _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/18/01 BY 37063 elw/jarkely

MAR 9 1954

sent via cable 2-26-54 1:51 PM
night letter

EBI

ED SWR. E 03 6H 20 2

ENC 2354-0035 BY 3a

CK. 224 0255 BY 28 m

APPROVED BY [signature]

TYPED BY [signature]

FILED BY [signature]

9-20

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Gearty	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/19/01 BY 390632/w/jar/dy

ADD THAYER, MUNICH (840A)
"ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ORDERED HOME AND IS EXPECTED TO
BE DISCHARGED IS CHARLES THAYER, FORMER HEAD OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA,
WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE SENATE," MCCARTHY SAID.
THAYER WAS NAMED CONSUL-GENERAL IN MUNICH LAST JUNE SUCCEEDING SAM.
E. WOODS. EARLIER HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE U. S. HIGH COMMISSION IN
BONN.
"MR. CHARLES THAYER, THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN MUNICH, HAS
ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION, THE CONSULATE-GENERAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.
MR. THAYER, WHO HAS PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES, WILL
DEVOTE HIS ENTIRE TIME TO WRITING."
THAYER WAS BORN IN 1910 IN VILLA NOVA, PA. HE IS A BROTHER-IN-LAW TO
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE CHARLES E. BOHLEN WHO ALSO HAS SERVED IN THE
AMERICAN MOSCOW EMBASSY DURING HIS FOREIGN SERVICE.
MCCARTHY MENTIONED THAYER IN CONNECTION WITH A STATEMENT TO THE
SENATE ON THE WORK OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S NEW SECURITY CHIEF SCOTT
MCLEOD.

3/26--GE932A

121 17249-A-113

File 121-17249
6/08

63 MAY 7 1953

121-17249-A
NOT RECORDED
98 MAY 6 1953

WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE

Mr. Tolson ☒
 Mr. Ladd ☒
 Mr. Nichols ☒
 Mr. Belmont ☒
 Mr. Clegg ☐
 Mr. Glavin ☐
 Mr. Harbo ☐
 Mr. Rosen ☒
 Mr. Tracy ☐
 Mr. Gearty ☐
 Mr. Mohr ☐
 Mr. Winterrowd ☐
 Tele. Room ☐
 Mr. Holloman ☐
 Mr. Sizoo ☐
 Miss Gandy ☐

Spencer

John

Egan

5/18/51 39003 PLW/jan/dy

(THAYER)

MUNICH, GERMANY--CHARLES W. THAYER, U. S. CONSUL GENERAL IN MUNICH AND BROTHER-IN-LAW OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO MOSCOW CHARLES E. BOHLEN, HAS RESIGNED, IT WAS ANNOUNCED.

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN MUNICH SAID THAYER HAD BEEN ORDERED HOME BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE OFFICE SAID THAYER HAD REQUESTED HE BE RETIRED FROM THE U. S. FOREIGN SERVICE.

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT GAVE NO REASON FOR THAYER'S RESIGNATION. BUT, A CONSULATE GENERAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAYER DID NOT WANT TO HAVE HIS STATE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION AND CLEARANCE RE-OPENED.

THAYER WAS AMONG THREE STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES NAMED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY BY SEN. JOSEPH MCCARTHY (R-WIS.) IN A REPORT TO THE SENATE.

3/26--GE840A

2 17249-A-11

121-7249

file

726
 MAY 7 1953

121-17249-A
 NOT RECORDED
 98 MAY 6 1953

WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE



Associated Press Wirephoto.

CHARLES W. THAYER

... resigns Munich post

Thayer Quits As Consul in New Inquiry

MUNICH, Germany, March 26 (AP)—The United States Consulate here announced today that Charles W. Thayer, American Consul General in Munich and a brother-in-law of Charles (Chip) Bohlen, has resigned from the Foreign Service after a new investigation into his diplomatic career was ordered.

A 1933 graduate of West Point and a paratroop lieutenant colonel in World War II, the 43-year-old Thayer plans to devote his full time to writing, the consulate press office announced. He is the author of books on his experiences as a diplomat pre-war, Moscow, and Post-war Belgrade.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (Wis.) told the Senate yesterday that Thayer had been ordered home "and I don't understand, to be discharged." Although McCarthy gave no reason, he said Thayer's activities when he was head of the Voice of America are "well known to the Senate."

Resignation Voluntary

At the State Department, however, department press officer Lincoln White said Thayer had resigned because he wanted to give his full time to writing. White said he did not know whether the resignation had been requested.

Thayer was not available for comment. The press office here said the State Department had ordered the new investigation despite the fact that Thayer had been cleared for the Munich post only last April.

Under these circumstances, Mr. Thayer voluntarily submitted his resignation, the office reported.

A close friend of the former diplomat here said: "Just the other day, he heard that there were demands by the McCarthy crowd for a reopening of his entire case and a public review of it. I guess he decided the job wasn't worth being smeared."

Thayer, who served with the State Department or the Army in Berlin, Hamburg, Zurich, Moscow, Belgrade and Bonn before coming here, is the son-in-law of James D. Dunn, United States Ambassador to Madrid.

Expert on Soviet Matters

Both Thayer and his brother-in-law, President Eisenhower's nominee as Ambassador to Russia, have been regarded as among the United States diplomatic service's top Soviet experts. Bohlen also has come under McCarthy's fire.

A native of Villanova, Pa., Thayer, after West Point graduation, went to Moscow on his own to study the Russian language.

When William C. Bullitt came to the Soviet capital to establish the United States Embassy, Thayer applied for a job and was accepted into the foreign service. He spent seven years in Moscow. He was head of Voice of America operations in New York from 1947 to 1949, coming afterwards to the United States High Commission in Germany.

0-19

Tolson	✓
Eadd	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Clegg	✓
Glavin	✓
Harbo	✓
Rosen	✓
Tracy	✓
Gearty	✓
Mohr	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

file
you

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY 1043

Times-Herald	_____
Wash. Post	3
Wash. News	_____
Wash. Star	_____
N.Y. Herald Tribune	_____
N.Y. Mirror	_____

NOT RECORDED
APR 28 1953

78 APR 29 1953

Date: MAR 29 1953

1256

121 17249-A-1

Dangerous Career

Whether Charles Thayer resigned from the Foreign Service, as the State Department has announced, or whether he was discharged, as Senator McCarthy asserted the other day, the Senator can claim credit if he wants to call it that, for adding another victim to his list. One way or another, he has succeeded again in depriving the American people of an able, experienced Foreign Service officer at a time when such men are urgently needed and in short supply.

Mr. Thayer's principal offense, it seems, is that he is a brother-in-law of Charles E. Bohlen—at whom Senator McCarthy has chosen to direct the full force of his malevolence. Like every other Foreign Service officer, he has been investigated and reinvestigated; and because of his relationship to Mr. Bohlen he has been subjected to charges grounded in gossip and inflated by malice. His friends say he has had enough of this kind of humiliation and suspicion and decided to resign rather than accept more of it. It would be difficult for any person of sensitivity to blame him.

But Senator McCarthy, a man not overly modest in these matters, insists that he led the State Department to fire Mr. Thayer. Considering the department's propensity until lately to truckle to the Senator, this may indeed be the case. And if it is, the accomplishment is worth weighing. Mr. Thayer, a graduate of West Point in 1933, served during the war as a paratroop lieutenant colonel, dropping behind the lines in Yugoslavia on an extraordinarily delicate, difficult and confidential mission. He served with the Army and the State Department in a series of posts, including Berlin, Hamburg, Moscow, Belgrade and Bonn, prior to his present post as consul and principal officer for the United States High Commissioner at Munich, Germany.

Like Mr. Bohlen, he is generally regarded as one of the country's leading experts on Russia. No country can cavalierly discard the devotion and services of such men. No country can afford to make contumely and humiliation the price of entering its diplomatic service.

0-19
Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Laughlin _____
Mohr _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Rm. _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

Times-Herald _____
Wash. Post h B
Wash. News _____
Wash. Star _____
N.Y. Herald Tribune _____
N.Y. Mirror _____

121 17249-A-118
53 MAY 6 1953

121-17249-A
NOT RECORDED
109 APR 30 1953

Date: APR 5 1953

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Gearty
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Holloman
- Mr. Sizoo
- Miss Gandy

121 CHARLES THAYER 5 PM

Roach
K. H. H.
S. C. H.
E. G. H.

(STATE)
UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE DONALD B. LOURIE TESTIFIED TODAY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS DROPPING UPWARDS OF FIVE EMPLOYEES WEEKLY ON GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE SECURITY RISKS.
HE ALSO TESTIFIED THE DEPARTMENT IS DROPPING AN AVERAGE OF ONE EMPLOYEE EVERY TWO DAYS ON GROUNDS OF HOMOSEXUALITY.
HE GAVE THOSE FIGURES AT A SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING AT WHICH SEN. JOSEPH R. MCCARTHY (R-WIS.) DEMANDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFY THE AUTHOR OF A PRESS RELEASE WHICH HE SAID WAS FALSE.
LOURIE RAN INTO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S PERSONNEL POLICIES WHEN HE APPEARED TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S \$130,521,337 BUDGET OF APPROPRIATION REQUESTS FOR FISCAL 1954.
MCCARTHY COMPLIMENTED HIM FOR HIS WORK BUT OBJECTED TO THE PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AFTER THE WISCONSIN SENATOR, IN A SENATE SPEECH, CREDITED SCOTT MCLEOD, DEPARTMENT SECURITY OFFICER, WITH CAUSING THE REMOVAL OF CHARLES THAYER, FOREIGN SERVICER FORMERLY STATIONED AT MUNICH. THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAYER RESIGNED.
WHEN MCCARTHY ASKED IF THAYER WAS REQUESTED TO RESIGN, LOURIE REPLIED:
"HE WAS SEPARATED ON THE BASIS OF MORAL CHARGES. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S THE WORD; I'M GROP FOR THE WORD. HE RESIGNED."
MCCARTHY LATER ASKED IF THAYER HAD NOT RESIGNED WHEN NOTIFIED THAT HE WOULD BE DISCHARGED.
LOURIE REPLIED THAT THAYER WAS RECALLED TO WASHINGTON AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL A DECISION BUT RESIGNED WITHOUT APPEALING. HE DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT DECISION WAS BEING APPEALED, BUT MCCARTHY ASKED IF THAYER FACED DISMISSAL ON "SECURITY GROUNDS."
"THAT TERM WAS NOT USED, I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT WAS," LOURIE SAID.
"IT WAS FOR CAUSE?" MCCARTHY ASKED.
"YES," LOURIE AGREED.
MCCARTHY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE DEPARTMENT IS REMOVING FOUR TO FIVE EMPLOYEES WEEKLY ON SECURITY GROUNDS, AND LOURIE COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED THE FIGURE TO BE "A LITTLE HIGHER THAN THAT."
"I THINK IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THE PUBLIC DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A PAINSTAKING JOB OF HOUSECLEANING IS BEING DONE," MCCARTHY SAID.
HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT LOURIE AND MCLEOD "ARE DOING A GOOD JOB" AND SAID THAT THE PRESS RELEASE ABOUT THAYER'S RESIGNATION "NOW APPEARS TO BE FALSE." HE ASKED THAT THE NAME OF THE AUTHOR BE SUPPLIED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

4/20--S1226P

121-12249-A
MAY 1, 1953

3 MAY 6 1953

WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE

Lourie's Forces State Firing 5 a Week As Bad Risks

By Raymond M. Lahr
United Press Reporter

The State Department has been dropping employees at the rate of about five a week as security risks and one every two days as a homosexual, it was disclosed yesterday.

Undersecretary of State Donald B. Lourie gave the figures to a Senate Appropriations subcommittee which is studying the department's \$130,521,337 budget for fiscal 1954.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and some other members asked Lourie a series of questions about the department's personnel policies.

McCarthy demanded that Lourie identify the author of a State Department press release which said Charles Thayer, Foreign Service officer formerly stationed at Munich, had resigned.

He said the release was issued after he had made a Senate speech crediting Scott McLeod, department security officer, with causing Thayer's removal.

When McCarthy asked if Thayer was requested to resign, Lourie replied: "He was separated on the basis of moral charges. I don't believe that's the word; I'm groping for the word. He resigned."

McCarthy later asked if Thayer had resigned after he had been notified he would be discharged.

Lourie said Thayer, formerly in law of Charles E. Bohlen, United States Ambassador to Russia, was recalled to Washington and had an opportunity to appeal a decision, but resigned without appealing. He did not clarify what decision could have been appealed.

He said in reply to a question that the term "security grounds" was not used. But McCarthy said the press release about Thayer's resignation "now appears to be false."

"I think it's unfortunate that the public doesn't know what a painstaking job of housecleaning is being done," the Senator added. "I understand four to five employees weekly are being removed on security grounds. Lourie said he believed the figures were a little higher than that."

In answer to a question by subcommittee Chairman Styles Bridge (R-N.H.), Lourie said a "sizeable" number of homosexuals—"about one every day"—are being fired by the department.

Sen. Allen J. Blander (D-La.) asked why the State Department seemed to have more homosexuals on its payroll than other Government agencies.

Lourie expressed a belief that such persons "want to get away from home" and that some want to go abroad to countries where homosexuality is "condoned" hence they seek State Department assignments.

0-19

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Laughlin _____
Mohr _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Rm _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

① ②

State Dept

Fiasco

Ra

W 10-1
15

SI on
3/16/53



sent

121 17249-A-1

Put in
121 File

RE CHARLES W. THAYER

CHARLES W. THAYER

File 6/10/53

Times-Herald _____
Wash. Post _____
Wash. News _____
Wash. Star _____
N.Y. Herald Tribune _____
N.Y. Mirror _____

121-17249 -A
NOT RECORDED
109 APR 30 1953

Date: 11-21-53

53 MAY

INDEXED-130

Lourie's Figures State Firing 5 a Week As Bad Risks

By Raymond M. Lahir
United Press Reporter

The State Department has been dropping employees at the rate of about five a week as security risks and one every two days as a homosexual, it was disclosed yesterday.

Undersecretary of State Donald B. Lourie gave the figures to a Senate Appropriations subcommittee which is studying the Department's \$130,521,337 budget for fiscal 1954.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and some other members asked Lourie a series of questions about the department's personnel policies.

McCarthy demanded that Lourie identify the author of a State Department press release which said Charles Thayer, foreign service officer, formerly stationed at Munich, had resigned.

He said the release was filed after he had made a Senate speech crediting Scott McLeod, department security officer, with causing Thayer's removal.

When McCarthy asked if Thayer was requested to resign, Lourie replied: "He was separated on the basis of moral charges I don't believe that's the word; I'm groping for the word. He resigned."

McCarthy later asked if Thayer had resigned after he had been notified he would be discharged.

Lourie said Thayer, brother-in-law of Charles E. Bohlen, United States Ambassador to Russia, was recalled to Washington and had an opportunity to appeal a decision, but resigned without appealing. He did not clarify what decision could have been appealed.

He said in reply to a question that the term "security grounds" was not used. But McCarthy said the press release about Thayer's resignation "now appears to be false."

"I think it's unfortunate that the public doesn't know what a painstaking job of housecleaning is being done," the Senator added.

He said he understood four to five employees weekly are being removed on security grounds. Lourie said he believes the figures are "a little higher than that."

In answer to a question by Subcommittee Chairman Styles Bridges (R-N.H.), Lourie said a "sizeable" number of homosexuals—"about one every day"—are being fired by the department.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) asked why the State Department seemed to have more homosexuals on its payroll than other Government agencies.

Lourie expressed a belief that such persons want "to get away from home" and that some want to go abroad to countries where homosexuality is "condoned." Hence they seek State Department assignments.

10-1
Roach
FIPABT

121-17249-A
NOT RECORDED
109 APR 30 1953

52.B.7.

MAY 6 1953 21 17249-A

Tolson _____
 Ladd _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Clegg _____
 Glavin _____
 Harbo _____
 Rosen _____
 Tracy _____
 Laughlin _____
 Mohr _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Rm. _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

State's Press Aide Called in Thayer Quiz

By the Associated Press

A Senate Appropriations subcommittee decided yesterday to summon Lincoln White, State Department press officer, for questioning today, concerning his account of Charles W. Thayer's resignation as consul general at Munich.

Acting Chairman Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.) agreed to call White at the demand of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wisc.) who asserted that White "falsified the record."

McCarthy declared that Thayer was called home for a hearing on security grounds and "elected not to appeal."

He said the State Department and White gave out the information "Thayer voluntarily resigned."

"I'm getting awfully sick of this sort of thing," McCarthy told the open hearing.

[As press officer during the administration of Secretary Dean Acheson, White frequently distributed the periodic "fact sheets" issued by the State Department in reply, and usually in contradiction, to McCarthy's accusations against it.]

Thayer's resignation was announced March 26 in Munich with the explanation that he wished to devote his full time to writing.

Last week, Donald Louie, Undersecretary of State, told a Senate committee in response to questions that "moral charges" were involved in the question of Thayer's fitness for the post.

G. I. R. 3

INDEXED - 2

1121-17249-A

8 - MAY 4 1953

Wash. Post

Wash. News

N. Y. Star

N.Y. Herald Tribune

N.Y. Mirror

121, 17249-A-1

78 MAY 12 1953

Page 15

Date: 4-28-53

U. S. Officials Differ With McCarthy Over Thayer's 'Separation'

By the Associated Press

The State Department and Senator McCarthy Republican of Wisconsin were in disagreement today about the separation from the foreign service of Charles Thayer, brother-in-law of Charles E. (Chip) Bohlen, nominee for Ambassador to Moscow.

Senator McCarthy told the been ordered home "and is, I Senate yesterday Mr. Thayer had understand, to be discharged." He gave no reason.

Says He Resigned.

Lincoln White, State Department press officer, said Mr. Thayer had resigned as Consul and principal officer for the United States High Commissioner at Munich, Germany, "because he wants to devote his full time to writing." Mr. White said he did not know whether the resignation was requested.

Senator McCarthy said Mr. Thayer's activities when he was head of the "Voice of America" are "well known to the Senate."

In Munich a close friend of Mr. Thayer explained: "Just the other day, he heard that there were demands by the McCarthy crowd for a reopening of his entire case and a public review of it. I guess he decided the job wasn't worth being smeared."

The 43-year-old former diplomat was graduated from West Point in 1933 and served as a paratroop lieutenant colonel in World War II. He served with the Army and the State Department in a series of posts, including Berlin, Hamburg, Moscow, Belgrade and Bonn before the Munich assignment. Like Mr. Bohlen, he is considered one of the country's top experts on Russia.

Two Others Fired, Says Senator McCarthy asserted in his Senate speech that the State Department also recently fired two other persons, Benjamin Bittenweiser one-time assistant High Commissioner for Germany, and a woman he identified as Mrs. E. C. Carter. The State Department said he apparently referred to a former Miss Margaret Carter, who at one time held a public liaison post in the department, and is now remarried and named Morgan.

Mr. Bittenweiser and Mrs. Morgan told newsmen they long ago resigned from regular jobs in the State Department, and subsequently served occasionally as consultants. The State Department said they were dropped for economy reasons when the consultant rolls were pruned in recent weeks.

The Wisconsin Senator said Alger Hiss was "harbored" in Mr. Bittenweiser's home between Hiss' two trials. Mr. Bittenweiser denied any connection with the Hiss case, saying he was in Germany during the trials, but that his wife, a lawyer, was a member of Hiss' legal counsel.

Hiss, former State Department official, is serving a sentence for perjury. His conviction was

0-19
Tolson ☒
Ladd ☒
Nichols ☒
Belmont ☒
Clegg ☒
Glavin ☒
Harbo ☒
Rosen ☒
Tracy ☒
Gandy ☒
Mohr ☒
Winterrowd ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Holloman ☒
 Sizoo ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

At 11:15

file

11/11/53

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 121-23001-A

Spink

Margaret Carter

121-23001-A-11249

NOT RECORDED

SE MAY 6 1953

Times-Herald

Wash. Post

Wash. News

Wash. Star

N.Y. Herald Tribune

N.Y. Mirror

Date:

12-9

63 MAY 18 1953

based on his denial that he had passed Government secrets to a Communist spy ring.

Differ on Identity.

Senator McCarthy described "Mrs. E. C. Carter" as a \$50-a-day consultant whose husband headed the Institute of Pacific Relations. This private research group has been mentioned often in congressional investigations. Senator McCarthy said it was "Communist-controlled."

State Department officials said Mrs. Morgan was not the wife of E. C. Carter, former Institute of Pacific Relations chief, but had been married to, and divorced from, his son, William Carter.

Senator McCarthy said, without elaboration, that R. W. Scott McLeod, recently-appointed State Department security officer, caused the removal of Mr. Buttenweiser and Mrs. Carter.

Mr. Buttenweiser in New York said he voluntarily resigned his full-time State Department post December 1, 1951, and returned to the banking business in New York.

Mrs. Morgan said she had left regular employment in mid-1951 and had "done practically nothing as a consultant for more than a year."

121 17:49-A-2

FEDERAL BUREAU

of

INVESTIGATION

USE CARE IN HANDLING THIS FILE

Transfer-Call 421

17249

SUB A

~~SECRET~~

III. ALLEGATION OF POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH ORGANIZATION
DECLARED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL TO L. WITHIN PURVIEW
OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835

pg 31 para 2 and pg 38 para 2
downgraded per OGA letter
dated 9/15/86

~~5/18/01~~

~~419533~~

~~Jan 60267-1116~~

2/11/02 39063elw/dg

419533

pgs 15, 25, 26, 32 info relative
per CRP letter dated 2/20/02

~~SECRET~~

II. INVESTIGATIONS BY FBI

A. Loyalty of Government Employees

An investigation relative to Charles Wheeler Thayer was instituted on April 29, 1949, on the basis of information received from another government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations indicating that while Thayer was stationed in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with the Office of Strategic Services he was very friendly with the Russians, exhibited pro-Titoism and a dislike for General Drasa Mihailovich. Reports reflecting the results of this investigation were transmitted to the United States Civil Service Commission and the United States Department of Justice on June 21, 1949. By letter dated February 14, 1950, the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission advised that Thayer had been declared "eligible on loyalty."

(121-17249; Agency referred to in State)

B. Security Matter - C

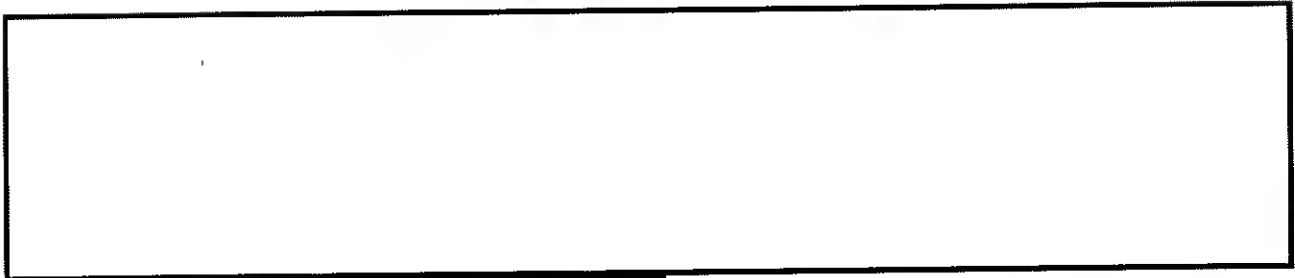
A security type investigation concerning Thayer was instituted on February 18, 1949, and was completed by a report dated April 18, 1949. Copies of investigative reports in this matter were furnished to Assistant Attorney General James E. McInerney, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, by memorandum dated April 4, 1950.

(100-360035)

Pertinent information developed during the course of the above investigations is set forth herein under the appropriate captions.

**III. ALLEGATION OF POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH ORGANIZATION
DECLARED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BE WITHIN PURVIEW
OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835.**


American Russian Institute



b1

b2

b7D


The American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Inc., New York City, also known as the American Russian Institute, has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

2

IV. ALLEGED PRO-COMMUNIST AND/OR PRO-SOVIET
OR SATELLITE ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

On May 23, 1949, [redacted]
[redacted] furnished a signed statement which reads in part as follows:

b7D
Per State

"....In 1945, March to be exact, I arrived in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to work for the American Embassy [redacted] As I climbed out of the airplane Lieutenant Colonel Charles Thayer came out to me and to my companions and after some preliminary questioning, told us with an authoritative voice that it would be up to us to establish a friendly relationship between the Yugoslav Government and that of the United States. He also indicated that if there were any questions or instructions that we wanted he would be the man who would supply them. Actually, Colonel Thayer, had no business to contact us nor to interrogate us as he was at that time Chief of the OSS (Military Mission to Yugoslavia) and we of the State Department, members of the Embassy, were replacing that Military Mission.

"To my best knowledge, Colonel Thayer stayed in Yugoslavia from two to three months after the Embassy's arrival. About a week after I began my work in the Embassy, an American citizen, who lived in Yugoslavia all during the occupation, told me that when he went over to the OSS Mission, which was headed by Colonel Thayer, in the month of November, 1944, and asked for some economic help, Colonel Thayer's staff questioned him concerning his political beliefs. This American was very critical of the Communists as well as the Nazis; criticized, extensively, Marshal Tito and the partisan movement and the intervention of the Soviet Government in Yugoslavia. This American citizen was given a quick brush-off by the OSS Mission and he received no economic help. After this incident I did some investigating and found more than six cases where similar situations occurred. In short, members of the Military Mission, whose duty was to help the stranded Americans, refused to help them in every case where the stranded Americans were critical of the Communist regime in Yugoslavia. All this was done with Colonel Thayer's knowledge and approval.

"About three weeks after my arrival in Yugoslavia I questioned Colonel Thayer about his Mission's refusal to help the needy Americans and he dismissed the whole thing with a statement, 'Oh, they were nothing but Nazi collaborators.' That, of course, was a complete lie because most of those people I learned to know well, personally, and had plenty of time in my subsequent residence in Yugoslavia to investigate their behavior during the German occupation.

"About the same time, I was checking an economic report written by

Mission headed by Colonel Thayer. The report I examined was a statement of damage done to an American power plant located in the city of Novi Sad. This report indicated that the damage was 100 per cent destruction. About a week later, [redacted] who was a [redacted] of the Embassy, and I made the trip to Novi Sad and after complete study and investigation, we came to a conclusion that the plant was only 50 per cent destroyed, or perhaps 60. The report was written and it should be on record with the State Department.

"I brought this falsified report to the attention of Colonel Thayer and I asked him why was it that his men were diminishing the Communist control over the economy of Yugoslavia and exaggerated damages done to American properties? Colonel Thayer refused to discuss the situation by stating that he had full confidence in his men. It became apparent, after a while, that OSS Mission, under Colonel Thayer's control, was doing everything possible to help the Communist cause and interfere with all those who attempted either to protect American interests, or who were anti-Communists.

"After several encounters with Colonel Thayer I began to keep an eye on him and found that at all social functions he was extremely fond of being with the Soviet officials and it also became apparent that he made many social calls upon Yugoslav top Commissars and ranking Soviet military officials. I say social calls because the function of the Military Mission ceased and it was handled by the State Department; yet, Colonel Thayer kept on meeting with the ranking Communist officials.

"I was present at gatherings where political economic discussions took place, at which Colonel Thayer also expressed himself as a good Party-Liner. His usual comments were, 'Let's not be so hard on Tito. After all look at the difficulty he has had with the Nazis and perhaps he is justified in being a little bit tough on his people.' Or such a remark as, 'So what if he did confiscate the American properties. After all, the Americans were using the poor, unfortunate people of Yugoslavia for their selfish interests.' Or he would say, 'Don't be a tool of Wall Street.' In my some dozen talks with Colonel Thayer, not on a single occasion did he ever criticize the methods used by the Communists, be they of Russian or Yugoslavian origin.

"A month after our arrival in Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Government was attempting to re-establish a new rate for the American dollar. This negotiation should have been handled by the Embassy; however, Charlie Thayer jumped the gun without any authorization from our Ambassador, went over to the Yugoslav Foreign Office and agreed on a very unrealistic rate.

[redacted] due to low exchange rate which was set by the Yugoslav Government on the basis of original discussions with Charles Thayer. Through this arrangement, which he set up without authority, it has cost the United States Government no less than \$1,000,000 and I am prepared to write an economic analysis and prove how I arrived at this \$1,000,000 figure.

b6
b7C
b7D

"About a month or so later, Colonel Thayer was transferred to Vienna as the Chief of the OSS Mission in Austria.

Per State

"In the late part of 1945 or the beginning of 1946, the Counselor of our Embassy, Mr. Schantz, asked me to go over and talk with the Yugoslav head of Foreign Commerce, Mr. Bichinich, concerning a Yugoslav request for an American loan. My talk with Mr. Bichinich was very short.

[redacted]

"Shortly after my conversation with Mr. Bichinich, we at the Embassy learned that Colonel Thayer was coming for an unofficial visit from Vienna. We were all surprised because as a rule even Americans on official business had difficulty entering Yugoslavia. When Colonel Thayer arrived, an excellent source informed me that he first went into the Yugoslav Foreign Office where he had a one-hour discussion with Deputy Foreign Minister for Yugoslavia. Later on he had a visit with Marshal Tito; then came to the American Embassy; then he saw some Soviet top officials and I believe that day or the next day, at a party, Colonel Thayer came up to me and said, 'What's the idea, [redacted] interfering with a loan to Yugoslavia?' I asked him how was it that he knew about it and he said, 'Don't worry mind that. Why don't you help these poor people? They need American money.' Colonel Thayer's voice was very friendly with the exception that he was very insistent on U. S. giving Yugoslavia a loan.

[redacted]

~~SECRET~~

VI. FAVORABLE COMMENTS BY PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

~~SECRET~~

[redacted] There, Thayer again attempted to justify the behavior of Tito's Communist regime and slightly threatened me; however, when I accused him of the threat, he quickly said that I misunderstood him. The best recollection I have now is that our conversation lasted about a half hour and during that time the whole thesis was that we should give the Yugoslavian Government a loan. [redacted]
[redacted]

b6
b7C
b7D

"I am also aware, beyond any doubt, Colonel Thayer, after our conversation, again paid a visit to the Yugoslav Foreign Office, where he repeated our conversation.

Per State

"It should be noted that Charles Thayer, when head of the OSS Mission in Yugoslavia, was friendly with, and allowed [redacted] a well-known Party-liner, a run of the Mission and, in fact, [redacted] gave him orders as to which Americans should be given aid. Thayer would follow [redacted] advice.

"While I was in Yugoslavia, it also became apparent to me that on many occasions Thayer gave American gasoline, fr-1, supplies, ammunition, tires and other equipment to the officials of the Yugoslavian Government and the Soviet Military Mission, without pay. All these presents were uncalled for. Actually, Colonel Thayer had no authorization from anyone to give those goods to the Yugoslavian Government. I am not speaking of the goods that were authorized as a part of Lend Lease. These were personal favors to the ranking officials of the Yugoslav Government and the Soviet Military Mission. My personal feeling is that Colonel Thayer was always ready and willing to serve the Communist officials, and his whole behavior was in the interests of their success. I, just as strongly, feel that his behavior in Yugoslavia was very detrimental to the American cause, and in addition the fact that he collaborated with Communist high-ranking officials has convinced me that he is not a good security risk.

"Charles Thayer, in my opinion, is not a good security risk because of his collaboration with top Communist officials in Yugoslavia and with Soviet officials, as has been related above...." (121-17249-21, pp 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) (100-360035-15, 17)

An informant of unknown reliability advised another government agent in July, 1948, that he had known Thayer for some time and that Thayer once lived and roomed with Mike (Michael Boris) Petrovich. (100-360035-15 p 15; [redacted])
[redacted] State Dept., NYC; Agency: State Dept.)

b7C

A former official for the U. S. Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, who was described by another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, as having furnished reliable information to that agency, furnished the following to that agency during 1948:

This individual stated that when the Military Mission was set up in Belgrade, Thayer had as his [redacted] both of whom were described by this individual as Communists.

[redacted] This informant related that a third member of Mr. Thayer's [redacted] who, according to this informant, was probably not a Communist but did associate with the Communists and especially with [redacted] This informant reported that Thayer was very friendly with the Russians, and although United States policy at that time favored Tito, Thayer showed a very strong like toward the Tito forces and a dislike for General Drasa Mihailovich. He stated that Thayer once "flew in" fifty jeeps and gave them to Tito and that a good many "good Americans" in Belgrade questioned Thayer's loyalty to the U. S. cause. (121-17249-7, 17; 100-360035-15; [redacted] formerly an Assistant Naval Attache at Belgrade, [redacted] U. S. Dept., Security Division)

In June, 1949, this former official for the U. S. Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was interviewed by another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations at which time he refused categorically to make a statement regarding Thayer. He declared that the little he knows concerning Thayer is already well known in Washington. He said he believed he could add nothing pertinent.

[redacted]

[redacted]

b6
b7C

Per State

(S)

b1

b6

b7C

Per State

The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist newspaper. The People's Daily World is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

b7C

b7D

"The New Leader" dated May 24, 1947, Volume XXX, No. 23, page 8, contains an article entitled "How to Falsify Military Intelligence" by David Martin, author of "Ally Betrayed," former Captain in the Canadian Air Force. This article states that the information concerning Yugoslavia during the last war was falsified in an effort to convince the Allies that the people of Yugoslavia were, for the most part, Partisans fighting for Tito, while the Chetniks under General Mihailovich were in the minority and, furthermore, were the enemies of the Allies. This article continued that as a result of this falsified information furnished to the Allies through the efforts of disloyal OSS personnel, Great Britain and the United States made the greatest blunder in history when they threw their lot in with the Communist Tito regime. The article continued:

"Although General Donovan personally was never taken in by the myth of Tito and frequently barked British policy in Yugoslavia, the OSS was far from immune to pro-Soviet infiltration. Among the 'friends of the Soviet Union' in the OSS were the brothers Vera (Wayne) and Alexander Vuchanich (Vucinich), both of whom had responsible desk positions in the Yugoslav Section..." (100-277785-16)

In September, 1949, a reliable informant advised that he has known Michael Boro Petrovich since the latter part of 1944 when he met him in Bari, Italy. He advised that he believed Petrovich to be a Communist on the basis of his associating only with a Communist group which included Alex and Wayne Vuchinich. He said that Petrovich continually spoke of Yugoslavia becoming a "democracy" under Tito whereas it has previously been a dictatorship. [redacted]

[redacted] 87-04 Elmhurst Ave., Elmhurst, L. I., NY, formerly OSS Chief of Operations in Balkans; 123-3625-43 p 8,9)

In October, 1949, Joseph Veselinovich, 3505 Magnolia Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that he had been attached to the Office of Strategic Services as a Special Intelligence and Special Operation Officer. He related that while in Italy Petrovich on many occasions stated to him that he, Petrovich, sincerely believed that Communism was the best and only type of government for the Balkan States. Veselinovich advised that in his conversations Petrovich appeared to be highly enthusiastic about the cause and spread of Communism. He added that from his conversations, he was convinced that Petrovich was a Communist.

(123-3625-42 p 2)

In 1949 Charles W. Thayer was interviewed concerning Michael Boro Petrovich during the course of an applicant investigation conducted under the provisions of Public Law 402 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Thayer advised that he knew Petrovich when both were employed by the Office of Strategic Services and while Petrovich was a member of the United States Mission to Yugoslavia which was headed by Thayer. Thayer stated that when Petrovich arrived in Yugoslavia with OSS he was one of the few Americans who were able to judge the situation from a purely American point of view. He said that in Petrovich's contacts with Americans Petrovich loyally defended the President's decision to support Tito although he was never under any illusion as to the non-democratic and Communist character of the Tito Government. He said that Petrovich was also aware of the strong-arm methods used by the Tito Government against the Serbian Orthodox Church Hierarchy with which Petrovich had long family connections. Thayer said that Petrovich was more opposed to Tito than to Mihailovich but that he had heard that Petrovich had made speeches in New York in support of Tito.

(123-3625-43)

On May 23, 1949, Mark Komonich, a United States citizen of Yugoslav descent who had spent many years in Yugoslavia until after termination of World War II, furnished a signed statement, portions of which read as follows:

"...In early 1945 I went to the U.S.S. Mission in Belgrade, Yugoslavia for a job as I am an American citizen; also I wanted protection until I could get out of the country. The Mission was under the leadership of Charles W. Thayer. I

2

talked with Michel Petrovich and Lt. Miner who worked under Thayer. They quizzed me as to my political affiliation, and when I told them I was against the Communists, they told me they could not help me.

"After I started working for U. S. Embassy in Belgrade, I saw a cablegram sent to U.S.S.R. Mission telling them to help me, and to assist me to get out of the country. Actually they refused to do anything for me in spite of these instructions. I never had but a few brief conversations with Thayer, which consisted primarily of salutations. . ."

Referral/Direct

(121-17249-21 p 7,8)

(121-17249-14- p 2,3)

Referral/Direct

doing OSS work, he read many reports written by Thayer on his observations of conditions in Yugoslavia. It was Dr. McDowell's opinion from reading these reports that Thayer was extremely pro-Tito. At the time Thayer worked in Belgrade, continued Dr. McDowell, Thayer apparently had very close contact with the Tito forces and spent practically all of his time reporting information furnished by them. Dr. McDowell related that it was the policy of the Allied forces to "play ball" with the Tito forces and to recognize them in contrast to the forces of Mihailovich. According to Dr. McDowell, it was quite possible that Thayer had this policy in mind when he continually reported pro-Tito information. It was not known by McDowell whether this trend of Thayer's reports meant that he was pro-Communist. In any event, McDowell remarked that it appeared to him that Thayer lacked good judgment and discretion in reporting everything favorable to Tito. He stated that Thayer was useless from an intelligence viewpoint because of his apparent gullibility in believing and reporting everything favorable to Tito. McDowell commented that he does not believe Thayer is a Communist, or that he is pro-Russian or even that he is disloyal but volunteered that he does not believe he is a fit person in his position because of his demonstration of a lack of discretion in his OSS work.

(121-17249-17-p. 11,12)

b7D Per State

He advised that when he arrived in Belgrade, Thayer was there as head of the Office of Strategic Services. He related that he arrived at the opinion, without being able to state exactly his reasons for his feeling, that Thayer was not the type of individual to be representing the United States in Belgrade. He advised he felt there was too much apparent appeasing of Tito and his policies by the American authorities. He said that Thayer in particular, as head of the Office of Strategic Services in Belgrade and as an individual who apparently controlled the thinking of the Ambassador and the policy of American authorities in Belgrade, publicly at various receptions held in Belgrade showed too much of his attention and apparent admiration on Tito, which, to [redacted] mind, probably gave the wrong impression to other nations concerning the position of the United States in regard to Russia. [redacted] related that his observations of Thayer's actions in regard to Tito, plus Thayer's actions which caused him to believe that power and prestige were Thayer's first consideration, made him feel that Thayer was not the right type of individual to be representing the United States in Belgrade. [redacted] said that actually he was not able to show factually the reason for his feeling of lack of faith in Thayer other than his observations based on Thayer's actions. He added that his opinion was such that in the final analysis he believed if it became a choice between Thayer's desire for power and prestige, plus his apparent admiration of Tito, as evidenced

by his actions, and the welfare of America in contrast to the welfare of Russia, Thayer would first choose the welfare of America. In conclusion [redacted] stated that Tito finally ordered the Office of Strategic Services out of Belgrade inasmuch as he had become suspicious of their motives in their overt friendliness toward him and, as a consequence, Thayer had to leave Belgrade.

(11-17006-11, 6, 7)

b6 Per State

b7C

b7D

On June, 1949, Robert G. Miner, Second Secretary, American Embassy, Athens, Greece, advised that he had served with Mr. Thayer, who was then a Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Army with the American Military Mission to Yugoslavia for approximately six months in 1944 and 1945, during which time he was in very close contact with Thayer both during and outside working hours. He said that he never had the slightest occasion to doubt Thayer's loyalty to the United States in any way. Mr. Miner advised that Thayer appeared to him to be strongly anti-Communist. Mr. Miner related that there were only two circumstances during this period which might serve as the basis for any accusation of disloyalty and in Mr. Miner's opinion neither of them should be considered in any way as indicating disloyalty to the United States. In elaborating on this Mr. Miner said that there were some Americans of Serb descent who considered that another named American officer of Serb descent on Thayer's staff was a Communist.

[redacted]

According to Mr. Miner, during the period that he served with Thayer and this officer was on the staff, almost all of the latter's reports were, so far as he was aware, concerned with economic and social matters and were not pro-Communist but objective. Mr. Miner stated that Thayer never discussed with him whether or not this officer should continue on the staff and, consequently, he did not know whether Thayer retained the officer at his own wish or because of the difficulty in securing an equally well qualified replacement. Mr. Miner advised that the other factor that may have caused some people to question Thayer's loyalty was his attitude toward the Serb spirit of resistance. According to Mr. Miner, Thayer frequently and acidly spoke of "the myth of Serb resistance." These remarks, said Mr. Miner, were Thayer's response to predictions of various Serb-American and other pro-Mihailovich elements that the Serbs would never submit to Tito's rule but would again "go to the woods" and by force of arms overthrow the Tito regime. Mr. Miner declared that Thayer did not believe that any such development would occur and was frank in stating so to various people who held the opposite viewpoint most strongly. Mr. Miner concluded that it seemed inconceivable that a man's loyalty to the United States should be questioned because he carried out what was then the official United States policy of according military support to Tito and held a

different interpretation of possible future developments that maintained by other Americans. (121-17249-7)

Yugoslavia from

In May, 1949, Constantine A. Fotitch, 3249 1st Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., former Royal Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, advised he had met Charles Thayer once in the early part of 1947. At this meeting Thayer exhibited very strong sympathy for the regime in Yugoslavia and told Mr. Fotitch that when he was with the Office of Strategic Services in Yugoslavia, he had discharged employees under his supervision who were pro-Mihailovich. Fotitch pointed out that he, himself, was pro-Mihailovich and naturally had an aversion to Thayer's attitude on the Yugoslav question. He said that at this meeting he did not pursue this question any further in order to avoid argument. He stated he does not believe Thayer is or ever was disloyal to the United States but believes Thayer was of the opinion that by cultivating Tito, the United States would gain an important ally. (121-17249-17-p.14)

A reliable informant advised in May, 1949, that he first became well acquainted with Thayer after the fall of Belgrade in 1941, while Thayer and he were employees of the U. S. Government in Belgrade. Informant stated that Thayer was the Chief of OSS and was in Belgrade during the same months in 1944 and 1945 as the informant. He related that Thayer could speak Yugoslav and Russian very well, was a very able diplomat, but had a flare for the dramatic, and had a tremendous desire for power. Informant advised that Thayer was guilty of reporting to Washington officials false information regarding Tito. He explained that Thayer played up Tito and suppressed the facts regarding Tito's desire of forming a Balkan Confederacy, which would some day become another Soviet state. He said that Thayer was instrumental in having photographers of the Army Air Force photograph Tito on many occasions, playing up to the vanity of Tito. Informant stated that the policy had been decided to flatter Tito in Yugoslavia and that Thayer would report information supporting that policy. He reported that it was well known in the Office of Strategic Services and in the other American offices that Thayer had several Communists on his staff. He said he could not recall the names of these individuals. Informant continued that Thayer explained the presence of Communists on his staff by relating that it was necessary to have Communists in his dealings with Tito and that the Communists were good sources of information regarding the Tito regime. He said that he had frequent arguments with Thayer over Thayer's policy of stressing the good sides of Tito and of suppressing the bad sides of Tito. The informant stated that in his opinion Thayer is very able, but he doubts Thayer's wisdom in making policies for the United States. He said that Thayer is loyal to this country and would not knowingly betray any secrets or confidences to any foreign power. (121-17249-17 pp 15,16; - Professor Caleb Gates, University of Denver, a relative of Thayer)

An informant of unknown reliability who advised in March, 1949, that on one occasion Thayer or War Department in the United States requesting he be allowed to give a decoration to Tito; however, the State and War Departments responded that no such decoration should be given Tito. (100-360035-15 p 5; [redacted] American Red Cross, Wash., D. C.)

Advice was received from the Department of State in April, 1950, that such a request or response as mentioned above could not be identified in the records of that Department. (Info. received by SA [redacted] April 12, 1950)

The Department of the Army advised in April, 1950, that a search of the records of that Department had failed to disclose correspondence indicating Thayer had desired to give a decoration to Tito, or that the Department had responded to such a request. (SA [redacted] April 17, 1950)

b1
b7C

[redacted]
[redacted]
William Donovan, Attorney, 2 Wall Street, New York, New York, former Director, [redacted] advised in the Spring of 1949 that Thayer's most specific duty in his mission to Tito's headquarters was to get as friendly as possible with Tito in order to win his confidence so that he might extract all essential military and intelligence information concerning Tito's future plans and policies. (121-17249-6)

[REDACTED]

George S. Wuchinich, who was in the Army during the war and was assigned to OSS during that time, was reported by a reliable informant as having stated in June, 1947, that he joined the Communist Party while serving with OSS in Yugoslavia. This informant said that Wuchinich advised that he was not then a member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, but was contemplating joining. Other reliable informants have advised, during 1947 and 1948, that he attended meetings of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh and was closely associated with Communist Party functionaries in Pittsburgh. According to "Narodni Glasnik" issue of August 21, 1947, George S. Wuchinich was Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

b2
b7C
b7D

The Communist Party, USA, and the American Slav Congress have been declared as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835 by the Attorney General. Concerning "Narodni Glasnik," in a report of 1948, the California Committee on Un-American Activities declared this publication "to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin Ruler System." (100-346126-8; Pittsburgh [REDACTED])

Dr. Wayne S. Vucinich was employed by OSS in Washington, D. C., London England, and Bari, Italy, from 1941 to 1944. From 1944 to 1945, he was employed by the Allied Control Commission, Sofia, Bulgaria. From June, 1945 to September, 1946, he was employed by the Department of State in Washington, D. C. An informant of unknown reliability advised another government agency in 1946, that in 1937 or 1938, Vucinich was a contributor to the Yugoslav-American Herald in San Francisco and was editor of this paper from 1939 to 1941. This informant expressed the opinion that during this period Vucinich's views were strongly Communist. Another informant of unknown reliability who knew Wayne Vucinich while both were stationed at Bari, Italy, advised another government agency in 1946, that Vucinich always associated with Communists and pro-Communist partisans and worked very closely with them. Another informant of unknown reliability who has known Wayne Vucinich since before the war advised another government agency in 1946 that Vucinich was definitely and openly pro-Tito and pro-partisan while he was stationed at Bari, Italy, and associated with known and suspected Communists. (100-277785, serial 14) 1. Application for Fed. Employment dated 1-8-43. at St. Dept. 2.

b7C
b7D

b7C
b7D

(121-17249-33,35; 100-341720-184. [redacted])

[redacted] former Soviet Diplomatic Service employee who defected from Soviet Embassy in
Alfred Puhon, Special Assistant to the Chief, Program Operations Mexico
Branch, International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, New York City)*
City, in the spring of 1949, advised that Thayer, after becoming the
consultant on the Russian Desk, agreed with him that the Desk in preparing
broadcasts to Russia should adopt a "tougher" policy toward the Russians
than the previous policy of appeasement. Puhon declared Thayer is
responsible for the Voice of America getting the favorable publicity it
was receiving because of its "get tough" policy. (121-17249-14 p 2, 9)

* The Daily Worker is an east coast Communist daily newspaper. Federated
Press was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American
Activities, House of Representatives.

b7D
b7C

An informant of unknown reliability, [redacted] Thayer in the State Department, advised in June, 1949, that he has no question in his mind concerning the loyalty of Thayer but from the impressions Thayer has made on him he has formed the impression that Thayer is immature and irresponsible and that he is motivated in his actions by a tremendous desire for personal gain and prestige. This individual related that on one occasion Thayer had been told not to employ an individual named [redacted] because the Security Office of the State Department had requested that he not be employed. He said that he did not know the reason why [redacted] should not be employed, nor did Thayer. He related that he, himself, knew of no objection to [redacted]. According to this informant, in spite of his instructions to the contrary, Thayer employed [redacted] on a free lance basis. This individual said that he felt that this specific action on the part of Thayer showed his lack of maturity and his desire to get ahead. He said that he feels that Thayer decided that for the best interests of the program, the material supplied by [redacted] would accomplish greater benefit for the program and consequently employed [redacted]. He said that he believes that

b6 Per State
b7C
b7D

Thayer had no intention of injuring the security of the country by this action. This informant continued that even though Thayer's desire for personal prestige and gain was one of the prime factors motivating him, he believed that this desire would be subjugated if the issue arose as to choosing between the security of the United States and his own gain. Informant's only fear in this regard was that Thayer might not, because of his lack of maturity, recognize the issue and, consequently, would unintentionally harm the United States. He said that he, himself, would not hire Thayer because of this lack of maturity and irresponsibility on his part. (121-17249-11; [redacted] former supervisor of Thayer at International Broadcasting Div., now with Buchanan & Co., 1501 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.)

[redacted]

b7C
b7D

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

IV. ALLEGED PRO-COMMUNIST AND/OR PRO-SOVIET
OR SATELLITE ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

[REDACTED]

According to the Daily Worker for October 4, 1941, the Russian War Relief, Incorporated, superseded the original American Committee for Medical Aid to Russia. The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist newspaper. The Daily Worker of October 4, 1941, stated that Russian War Relief, Incorporated was intended to be the central national organization through which numerous groups and committees would send their medical and civilian aid to the Soviet Union.

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee appears on the list of organizations named by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The Washington Committee to End Spanish Embargo was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its report of 1948, pp. 335 and 336.

[REDACTED]

The publication "New Masses" has been cited as a Communist front organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives.

V. ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION
AND BLACK MARKETING ACTIVITIES

V. ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE
AND BLACK MARKETING ACTIVITIES

An individual who has been reported by another government agency as having furnished reliable information advised on March 30, 1949, that he had been acquainted with Charles Wheeler Thayer for the past few years and that Thayer is undoubtedly a homosexual. Informant declared that Thayer and [redacted] who was at one time employed by the State Department and who is a notorious homosexual, are very good friends.

[redacted]

Informant stated that during this friendship, one night in December, 1946, informant and [redacted] went to Thayer's apartment at 1762 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Informant stated he and [redacted] did not knock at Thayer's door but opened the door and walked in and informant and [redacted] heard sounds in an adjoining room indicating two people were in bed and that these two people immediately got up and came into the room where informant and [redacted] were, at which time they were arranging their clothes and informant stated these two individuals were Thayer and an individual whose identity he is not sure of, but that it was obvious to him that Thayer and this other individual were having homosexual relations. (The informant stated that he believed this other individual was [redacted] although he is not sure of this to a degree where he can definitely say it was [redacted]) Informant advised that [redacted] later told him that Thayer is "as queer as a \$3 bill," and that although Thayer was married he was a "high class homosexual and is known only among high class homosexuals."

Investigation disclosed that Thayer and his wife moved to 1762 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., in September, 1946, from 120 E. 95th Street, New York City.

[redacted]

b6
b7C

Per State

[redacted] Informant stated that through [redacted] they arranged to meet Thayer and had a few drinks and ate and talked for several hours, during which time they told homosexual jokes and talked of many people who are homosexual and which men is in love with another. Informant stated that when they left the restaurant and bar they got in a cab and after dropping [redacted] off, Thayer made approaches to informant to engage in homosexual relations with him. Informant stated that earlier this evening, [redacted] and Thayer had spoken of what great friends they were with [redacted]

[redacted] During the conversation, both [redacted] and Thayer mentioned [redacted] as a mutual friend of theirs and [redacted] commented to informant that [redacted] is a very famous homosexual. Also, during the conversation the name of [redacted] came up and the informant gained the impression that Thayer at one time lived with [redacted] Thayer commented to [redacted] "gay", which informant stated is a homosexual term meaning an active or participating homosexual. Informant stated that Thayer's apparent association with [redacted] plus his known association with [redacted] and his homosexual conversation and the very definite approach Thayer made to informant, convinces informant that Thayer is a homosexual.

b7C
b7D

b6
b7C
b7D

Per State

[redacted] also said that [redacted] was a homosexual. According to the informant, [redacted] among Thayer's friends and those with whom he associated frequently were [redacted]

[REDACTED]

b7C

An informant of unknown reliability advised in 1948, according to another government agency, that when [REDACTED]

close friends. The informant stated that every time Thayer came to Washington he either [REDACTED] and Thayer were very [REDACTED] or visited with him.

[REDACTED]

"Charlie Thayer was by to see me and we had a wild time." The informant stated that [REDACTED] spoke of Thayer often and because of what he knew of [REDACTED] he was suspicious of their associations. He stated it was hard for him to believe that Thayer was a homosexual but when he learned that [REDACTED] was he felt almost sure that Thayer likewise was a homosexual. However, the informant stated he had no facts upon which to base this belief other than Thayer's close personal association with [REDACTED] (100-360035-15 p 8.)

[REDACTED] Acting Chief of Division of Foreign Service Admin as interviewed by [REDACTED] Security Div., State Dept., May to July, 1948.)

[REDACTED]

employee of State Department.)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 100-360035-15 p 8; [REDACTED] Division of Security, State Dept.)

[REDACTED]

State Dept., April 12, 1950, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b6
b7C

Per State

[REDACTED]

A former official for the U. S. Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, who was described by another government agency, which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, as having furnished reliable information to that agency, furnished the following information to that agency in 1948:

b6
b7C
b7D

Per State

This individual stated that while he was at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he heard rumors to the effect that Thayer was a homosexual. He stated that a close friend of his who worked on Thayer's staff in Belgrade for the Military Mission confided that he had suspected Thayer of being homosexual, had heard stories that he was homosexual and had made a point of trying to find out whether such information was true. The friend later told this individual that he found that Thayer was homosexual. This individual reported that this information regarding Thayer was widely known in Belgrade, although the informant had no actual facts to prove the matter. He stated that Thayer was waited on regularly by a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who was a known homosexual in Belgrade. This individual related that he heard the same stories regarding the moral conduct of Thayer at Vienna, Austria, when Thayer was there with the Office of Strategic Services Mission. This informant explained that there was no question in his mind but that Thayer is a homosexual and should not be retained in such a vulnerable position as he was then holding. He explained that if people knew that Thayer was a homosexual in Belgrade and Vienna it is a foregone conclusion [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In June, 1949, this former official for the U. S. Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was interviewed by another government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations at which time he refused categorically to make a statement regarding Thayer. He declared that the little he knows concerning Thayer is already well known in Washington. He said that he believed he could add nothing pertinent. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In May, 1949, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(S)

b1

b1 Per State

b6

b7C

b7D

where as head of the Military Mission in 1945. He volunteered the information that it was common gossip in the diplomatic circles in Belgrade that Thayer was a homosexual. [redacted] stated that he had no proof of this allegation. (121-17249-17 p 10, 11) (S)

Information was received in March, 1949, that an individual who has reportedly furnished reliable information to another government agency advised a representative of that agency in 1948 that Thayer was friendly with Nicholas Nabokoff, another employee of the International Broadcasting Division in New York City, and that Nabokoff was obviously a homosexual. Informant further stated that these two lived together at one time. Informant stated Nabokoff is very effeminate in his mannerisms and speech and that he greets all the men at IBD with "good morning, dear," or "hello darling" and that even if Nabokoff is not a homosexual, all the male employees of IBD think he is. Informant stated that the majority of the people in the IBD Office now accept Nabokoff and Thayer as a "pair" and that they are the laughing stock of the office. The informant advised Thayer has been very friendly with a good looking young man named [redacted]

Informant said he feels no malice toward Thayer or any of his associates and does not wish to harm Thayer but stated if Thayer is a homosexual, as suspected by him, [redacted]

This informant described Thayer as effeminate in his mannerisms and especially in his speech and stated Thayer has let it be known throughout the office that he is the brother-in-law of Charles "Chip" Bohlen, who is presently Minister, U. S. Embassy, Paris, France. Informant stated Thayer makes sure no one forgets this by making frequent reference to Bohlen's name. (100-360035-15 p 11)

An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of another government agency in 1948 that Thayer and Nicholas Nabokoff at one time lived together in apartment 4 North, of the apartment building located at 1350 Madison Avenue, New York. The informant reported that Nabokoff had the apartment first and Thayer moved in with him about September 1947. Informant stated Nabokoff, who was divorced, married again, and Thayer thereupon moved out in March 1948 to the New York Athletic Club. Informant stated that while Thayer and Nabokoff were living together, Nabokoff seemed to be out of town most of the time traveling, and while he was out of town, Thayer often brought in young men friends to spend the

(continued - Security Div., Dept. of State.)

night with him. Informant stated there was one period of about three months when Thayer and Nabokoff had a young [redacted] boy named [redacted] living with them. According to informant, this young [redacted] boy was very effeminate and obviously a "queer". Informant advised that after Thayer moved away, Thayer had on two occasions visited the apartment when the Nabokoffs were away and brought in young men friends with him. Informant stated he had learned Thayer held a position that had to do with broadcasting propaganda to Russia and that he had been suspicious of Thayer and Nabokoff because every person with whom they associated or brought into the apartment, not only looked foreign, but all spoke with foreign accents. Informant stated he did not know any of these people except [redacted] but there was no doubt in his mind that Thayer and his friends were homosexuals. (100-360035-15)

An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of another government agency in June 1948, that he had no first-hand knowledge that Thayer and Nabokoff were homosexuals. The informant, who admitted he was a homosexual, stated however that while living at 1350 Madison Avenue, New York City, Thayer used to bring men into his bedroom who would stay until two or three o'clock in the morning. (100-360035-15 pgs 12-13.)

a homosexual.)

An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of another government agency in 1948 that she recalled Thayer when he had lived at 220 E. 95th Street, New York City for six months in about 1946. Informant stated Thayer had lived alone as far as she knew and that she had observed Thayer in the back yard of his home during the summer months and stated she had noticed Thayer had never entertained women but he always had young men, either in groups or singly and although she knew nothing regarding his habits or morals, his association with a large number of young men which did not include women, seemed odd to her. The informant stated "it seemed awfully funny for him to have so many young boy friends and no girl friends or wife." (100-360035-15 p 11;)

A confidential informant, of known reliability, advised in March, 1950, of the receipt by a member of congress of an anonymous letter alleging that Thayer was a homosexual. (65-32871-4)

In March, 1950, information was received that Senator Joseph R. McCarthy was of the opinion that Thayer "is one of the worst types of degenerates" and that Senator McCarthy intended to call on the Department of State to fire Thayer.

On May 23, 1949, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished a signed statement which reads in part as follows:

"...Towards the end of 1945, certain members of the Military Attache's Office of the American Embassy, were engaged in the black market operations. Our Ambassador, Richard C. Patterson, asked me to investigate the extent and detail of the operations. [redacted]

[redacted] and at the same time, I found out that several months before, while Colonel Thayer and his Mission were still in Yugoslavia, that they were operating in the black market. I am not in a position to state that every member of that Mission was involved; however, I can state that Colonel Thayer, personally, was buying diamonds and other precious stones and cameras which were being sent for re-sale into Italy and, in some cases, into Cairo, where three to five-fold profit was achieved. I also became aware that Colonel Thayer sometimes directly, and sometimes through some of his henchmen, was purchasing American securities by paying 10 cents on the dollar. It also became apparent to me that unlimited amount of American food supplies, clothing and medical supplies were being sold by the American Military Mission to the populace of Yugoslavia. Most of these sales were made, not for the Yugoslav paper currency, but for the 20-frank gold pieces (gold Napoleons). I have probably talked, personally, to 50 people who gave me detailed information concerning Americans of the Military Mission under Charlie Thayer's command and Charlie Thayer, himself, information dealing with their black market operations. One of Colonel Thayer's men admitted to me that he, personally, made \$3,600 in the black market on food and clothing and automobile parts, and he was only an enlisted man. After careful study of the black market operations in Yugoslavia by the American Military Mission, I have come to a conclusion that a minimum of one-half million dollars was made by Colonel Thayer and members of his Mission, those men who engaged in black market operations..."

During this interview, [redacted] volunteered that Thayer when in Yugoslavia had the reputation of being a homosexual and it was common knowledge, according to [redacted] that Thayer was friendly with [redacted] who was also considered to be a homosexual by those in the State Department who knew him.

An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of the Department of State, according to information received confidentially from the Department of State in March, 1949, [redacted]

[redacted]

b6
b7C

Per State

[REDACTED]

(100-360035-15 p 1P-19; [REDACTED] who provided this info to SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Security Division, Dept of State.) b7C

A representative of the Department of State has advised confidentially that Charles Thayer himself acknowledged that he was the father of the child born to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] that he had recommended Dr. [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and that Dr. [REDACTED] had been his personal physician and was at one time (late 1948) giving shots to him for his contemplated trip to Europe. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (100-360035-15 p 19;
Charles W. Thayer, who furnished this info to SA [REDACTED] of State Dept.)

[REDACTED]

(123-647-3)

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

of 19X9 Security investigation, Bufile 100-360035

VI. FAVORABLE COMMENTS BY PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS

Cavendish W. Cannon

In July, 1949, Cavendish W. Cannon, U. S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia, advised that he first became acquainted with Mr. Thayer in late 1944 or early 1945 while Thayer was serving with [redacted] which was after he had already been in the field working with Yugoslav elements. Mr. Cannon pointed out that at that time he was in charge of Yugoslav affairs in the Department of State. He related that Mr. Thayer, then in uniform [redacted] with the rank, he believed, of Lieutenant Colonel, had been detailed to the [redacted] and had been assigned by that organization to this task. He said that Thayer's knowledge of Eastern European conditions made him a natural choice for such work and he never had any indication that Thayer had sought this particular assignment. He said he believed the mission specifically assigned to Thayer by his superiors was to establish contact with Yugoslav elements in Italy and, when possible, to get into Yugoslavia. Mr. Cannon noted that the [redacted] maintained missions or observation groups with both Yugoslav factions and Mr. Thayer's assignment was to the Tito faction. Under instructions of his superiors he was for a time attached to Tito's headquarters, and his work consequently covered the operations of the Tito faction. Mr. Cannon advised that it was in this connection that he had discussed Yugoslav affairs with Thayer. Thayer's job had been to evaluate the military operations and potentialities of the Tito forces in the war against Germany. According to Mr. Cannon, Thayer made no secret of his belief, based on his observations and investigations, that the Tito forces were more active in the war than were those of Mihailovich. Mr. Cannon said that of course Mr. Thayer "associated with and supported Communists and Communist sympathizers," but that is precisely what he was sent into Italy and Yugoslavia to do and he could not have performed his mission otherwise. At Tito's headquarters, Mr. Cannon commented, Thayer would surely not encounter anyone not "sympathetic to the Communist cause." Mr. Cannon related that whether the mission itself might have been differently conceived by the [redacted] was not the responsibility of Mr. Thayer. Mr. Cannon related that it was his conclusion that Mr. Thayer's reports became, to his definite knowledge, only one of many elements in the policy discussion in the Tito vs. Mihailovich question, and only in the later stages. Mr. Cannon said that from his own knowledge of the evolution of that controversial policy, the policy of the broadening of aid to Yugoslav guerrillas other than the Mihailovich faction was initiated in early December, 1943. So far as Mr. Cannon knew, Thayer was in no way connected with the affairs of the Yugoslav guerrillas at that time. He said that Thayer may later have approved of the policy which had already been adopted by top-level decision, but he never came across any evidence that Thayer was "influential in turning the support of the United States from Mihailovich to Tito."

b1

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

~~SECRET~~

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED]

(S)

b1
b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

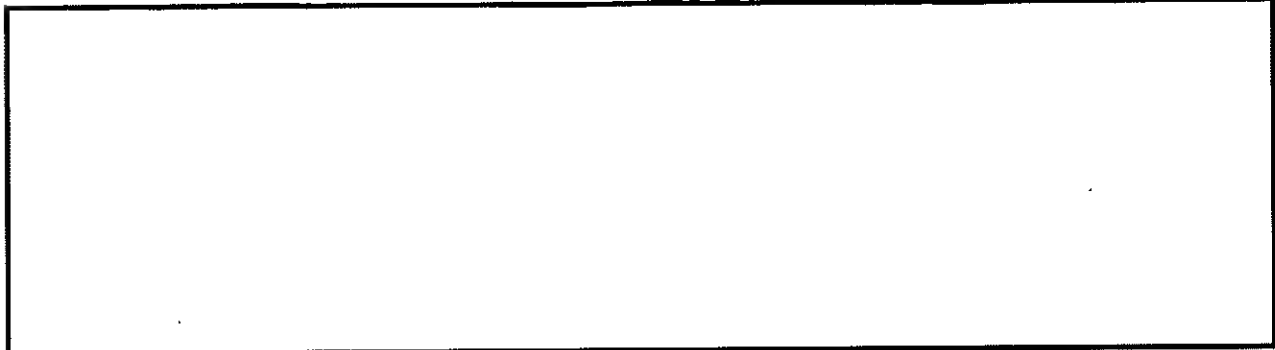
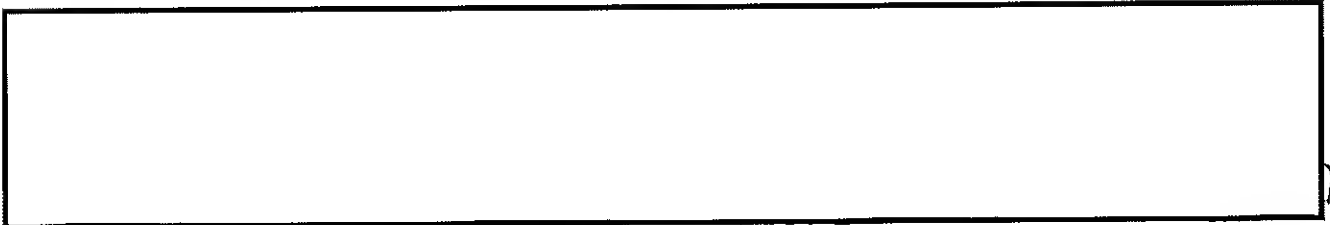
b1

By memorandum dated October 4, 1949 the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that P. A. Pirogov and I. P. Barsov, two Soviet airmen who deserted from the Soviet Army, were temporarily admitted to the United States. The Immigration Service advised that Barsov had returned to the Soviet Union at his own request. The Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that Pirogov is being permitted to remain in the United States for a longer period as the Department of State [redacted] had requested that he be permitted to remain. With this memorandum the Immigration and Naturalization Service enclosed a copy of an agreement signed by representatives of the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This agreement was to the effect that Pirogov was in the custody of Mr. Charles W. Thayer, acting for the Department of State, under certain conditions. By memorandum dated October 7, 1949, the Immigration and Naturalization Service was advised that Thayer had been reported through various sources as having been pro-Tito while assigned to Yugoslavia during the recent war as a representative of [redacted]. At the time this memorandum was furnished to Immigration and Naturalization Service information was furnished verbally to INS concerning Thayer's alleged perversion and illegitimate child. (100-359043-60 and 61)

X An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of another government agency during the period May to June, 1948, that Thayer married Maria Patrucci in October, 1945, at Vienna, explaining that she is the daughter of the former Italian Ambassador to Croatia and when the war came, her father, the Ambassador, was interned and Thayer was instrumental in getting him released. The informant stated that Mrs. Thayer had separated from, or divorced, Thayer and was now (June, 1948) back in Rome. (100-360035-15, pp (-7; [redacted] (5) State Department)

b7D
b1
b7C

Although Charles Wheeler Thayer was the head of the Voice of America in New York, no investigation concerning him was requested by the State Department under the provisions of Public Law 402, 80th Congress. In February, 1949 the State Department advised that Thayer was exempted from investigation under Public Law 402 inasmuch as the Legal Division of the State Department was of the opinion that inasmuch as the Congressional Act states that those persons appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate need not be investigated, no investigation was necessary concerning Thayer. This exemption was applied to Thayer, a Foreign Service Officer of the State Department, since Thayer was appointed as a Foreign Service Officer by the White House and was confirmed by the Senate. (100-346628-71; 123-0-21)



b1
b7C
b7D
b2

FOLLOWING INFORMATION NOT INCLUDED IN FOREGOING BRIEF - NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED

SECTION II

b3
Per CIA
[redacted] of CIA requested that the Bureau furnish to him copies of the loyalty reports on Thayer. [redacted] advised that Thayer was leaving the State Department and it was [redacted] belief that he would be offered a top job with CIA. In order to preclude any such move, [redacted] wanted to review the loyalty reports and prepare a memorandum for top level review concerning Thayer's past activities. This information is contained in a memorandum dated September 6, 1949. The report was loaned to [redacted] who returned them by letter dated September 22, 1949 (121-17249-39)

SECTION IV

[redacted]

SECTION V

Various individuals interviewed by a representative of the Security Division, Department of State, prior to March, 1949, advised they had heard rumors and gossip to the effect Thayer was a homosexual. These persons were not quoted in the foregoing brief because they had no specific information. Persons who could furnish specific information were quoted in the brief. (100-360035-15)

b2
b7C
b7D

SECTION VII

[redacted]

[redacted]

ABOVE INFORMATION NOT INCLUDED IN FOREGOING BRIEF - NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED

--

b2
b7C
b7D

Applicant, General Intelligence Division, U.S. Army
C in Korea. ((118-254-5)) (S)(U)
declassified per OGA letter
5/31/88

[illegible]